

Secret Societies - 1915

NATIONAL LOVE AND CHARITY

NATIONAL GRAND TABERNACLE OF LOVE AND CHARITY CONVENES IN BOSTON—GREAT ANNUAL MEETING IN COLUMBUS AVE. A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

The National Grand Tabernacle of Love and Charity met Thursday morning, September 30th at Zion Church and will continue until this afternoon. Mr. John P. Butler of Jamesville, N. C., National Grand worthy superior presiding. The session was called to order at 10 a. m. Routine business was transacted Thursday. A costly gavel was presented Mr. Butler by the committee organized to entertain the Grand Tabernacle. Some of the prominent visitors in attendance are: Mr. J. H. Newson of Ohoski, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Faulk of Weldon, N. C.; Mr. J. H. Smith of Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Eliza McGary of Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. Octavo Stevens of Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. Mollie Brown of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Bessie Bryan of New Bedford, Mass.; Mrs. Mamie Grant of Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. Thomas of N. Y.; Mrs. Bryant of N. C.; Mrs. Battles, Kimbough and Tolliver of New York.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Virginia. Delegations are coming in from all sections of the South.

About four hundred members attended the Biennial sermon at Charles Street Church, Thursday night. Dr. Thornton, pastor of the church, preached a wonderful sermon that received much praise. The meeting at the church was a great success besides singing and reading by the Juvenile Branch addresses of welcome were delivered by Mrs. Elmer Thomas and Dr. I. L. Roberts. Revs. Jessie Harrell and J. W. Faulk took part in the services and Joshua A. Crawford acted as master of ceremonies. The banquet and reception was held last night at Zion Church and was a splendid success. Addresses were given by Mr. J. P. Butler, Mrs. Carrie Cannon, Joshua A. Crawford, Adolphus Terry and others. Mrs. Odella Barker acted as master of ceremonies.

MONTGOMERY GETS NEGROES' MEETING

Negro Masons Thank Dr. Stakely and Advertiser for Opposing Bonner Bill

Special to The Advertiser

SELMA, ALA., Aug. 20—The thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Alabama Grand Lodge, colored, A. F. and A. M. Walter Thomas Woods of Mobile, Grand Master, closed Thursday night the most successful session in its history.

Reports from 585 local lodges representing a membership of 16,000 were read which showed receipts in the Endowment Department \$ 93,585.23 Receipts in Grand Lodge.. 12,210.55

Making a grand total.....\$105,795.78 Grand Chapter Eastern Star 13,739.74

Total received by both lodges\$119,535.52 Reports of the Grand Chapter showed \$3,800.00 on hand with all claims settled to date.

The balance on hand in the Endowment Department was \$15,169.78, at the close of the Grand Lodge. This showed over \$2,000 in excess of receipts for 1914. The Grand Lodge collected \$1,000 at the session just closed and the Endowment Department received \$2,008. This is considered the best financial showing for one year in the history of the Order.

All the elective and appointive officers were re-elected. Among the donations made by the Grand Lodge was \$60 for Selma University where the meetings were held.

Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge, thanking Dr. Stakely of

endorsing illiteracy in each member or teach at least one colored read and write. The report was read without opposition. The Grand Master, in his annual address, recommended the same. Grand Master Woods recommended also that any colored Masons convicted of "boot-legging" should be suspended from the order. After the officers were installed by Past Grand Master James T. Gregory of Greenville the Grand Lodge adjourned to hold its thirty ninth annual meeting 1916, in Montgomery.

Among the leading negroes attending the Grand Lodge were Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mobile; J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, President of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank; James A. Bray, Birmingham, editor of "The Voice of the People," the official organ of the Grand Lodge; Prof. H. C. Benford, Principal of Huntsville High school for negroes; H. A. Loveless, Montgomery; Jeremiah Barnes, of Tuscaloosa, the oldest negro Mason in the State; C. N. McDaniel, Hartselle; James T. Gregory, Greenville; Prof. C. L. McWilliams, Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma; Dr. L. L. Burwell, Selma; E. W. Stone, Selma; Rev. A. F. Owens Selma University; Rev. W. H. Mixon Selma, and others.

The Grand Chapter Eastern Star re-elected all the old officers with only one change the wife of Dr. Burwell of Selma, grand secretary in place of former Secretary Hassen. Grand Matron J. M. Balasco, of Mobile stated that five hundred women attended the meeting of the grand chapter. She reported also that her order had the best meeting in its history. They will meet next year with the grand lodge in Montgomery. The Grand Chapter made donations to Payne University and to several poor widow

SUPREME LODGE UPHOLDS GREEN

Suspension Of Virginia Grand Lodge, Knights Of Pythians Upheld—G. A. Watty, Of Baltimore, Reelected

Columbus, O., August 25.—The seventh biennial session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias came to an end last Saturday. The next session will be held in St. Louis.

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green was upheld in his suspension of the Virginia Grand Lodge. John Mitchell Jr. and leading members of the Order held a number of conferences in an effort to reach an amicable agreement. The jurisdiction was suspended more than two years ago, and following the session at Baltimore court proceedings were instituted. The court ruled in favor of Virginia.

It is probable that the suspension of Virginia will be lifted shortly.

There were but few changes in the officers. They are as follows:

S. W. Green, New Orleans, Supreme chancellor; Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, deputy supreme chancellor; John W. Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of exchequer; Dr. E. N. Price, of Texas, supreme medical examiner; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Kentucky, supreme keeper of records and seal; George A. Watty, Baltimore, supreme master-at-arms Henry James, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer guards, and L. Mitchell, Texas, supreme lecturer.

R. R. Jackson, of Chicago will again head the uniform rank and S. A. T. Watkins will be the supreme attorney.

E. H. Iedington, of Indian-

apolis; B. G. Collier of Philadelphia, Dr. C. M. Wade of Hot Springs, Ark.; M. M. Rodgers, of Texas; J. W. Harris, of Mississippi and Dr. George N. Storey, of Georgia, were elected members of the Pythian Temple Commission.

George A. Watty, Truly Hattchett, H. M. St. Clair W. F. McMechen, John W. Henderson and Lewis E. Williams were among the Marylanders in attendance.

GEORGIA ODD FELLOWS IN HOT SESSION-SPLIT.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATHENS, Ga., Aug. 17.—The Ingram-Davis administration had little difficulty in maintaining its prestige at the twenty-ninth annual District Grand Lodge, G. U. O. O. F., which met here on August 10, 11 and 12.

The opposition engineered by Ed Pharrow, Doc Daniels and Antone Graves was in evidence, but the administration's steam roller could not be stopped. Graves was exceedingly vociferant and it became necessary for the Ingram-Davis people to call in the arm of the law. A policeman took charge of Graves and escorted him from the room.

Pharrow, opposing Ingram for grand master, withdrew from the race after the balloting had proceeded for awhile, as he saw that his chances were nil. Ben Davis was re-elected without opposition, and his salary fixed for the next year at \$2,700, or \$225 per month. Ingram gets \$1,200 per year and J. C. Styles of Dawson, elected grand treasurer, gets \$900 per year.

The meetings were held in the Theatre, and at the opening on Tuesday, Mayor W. F. Dorsey delivered a welcome address. Others welcoming the body were Dr. W. H. Harris, M. E. Brown and Dr. C. Max Manning. For the grand lodge responses were made by C. W. Hill and Dr. W. F. Penn of Atlanta, Mme. Susie Dasher of Dublin, and Dr. E. J. Brinson of Americus.

Grand Lodge Worth Over Half Million.

The auditor's report showed that the order possesses assets of \$557,545.95 with a cash balance of \$56,943.63. Liabilities amount to only \$12,395. Since the last session two years ago the grand lodge has paid out in death claims \$214,131—for 986 claims, 550 claims the Household of Ruth has paid out \$47,430, a total paid out for death claims of \$261,561.

There are 863 lodges with approximately 30,000 members, and 692 households with a membership of 20,609. Rentals from the headquarter's building amounted to \$15,000.

Officers elected for the ensuing term are as follows:

Bird S. Ingram, Macon, district grand master; J. M. Pitts, Brunswick, deputy district grand master; Benj. J. Davis, Atlanta, district grand secretary; J. C. Styles, Dawson, district grand treasurer; The Rev. Wm. Decker Johnson, Plains,

grand director; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Atlanta, district grand attorney; Dr. A. D. Jones, Atlanta, medical examiner; E. J. Matthews, Dawson; W. L. Hughes, Dublin; T. K. Persley, Macon; district grand auditors.

Household of Ruth.

The Household of Ruth had a harmonious and pleasant evening and elected the following officers: Mrs. L. P. Fortune, D. M. N. G.; Mrs. W. D. Johnson, D. R. N. G.; Mrs. R. Ethel Caine, D. W. R.; Mrs. Hattie P. Jackson, D. W. T.; Mrs. Susie W. Dasher, D. D.; Mrs. M. B. Wilson, S. J.

Insurgents Organize

The insurgents, led by Graves and Daniels, held a session across the street from the theatre and organized another grand lodge. This body elected officers and forwarded a statement of their case to the S. C. of M. for consideration. The officers elected by the insurgents are Dr. B. W. S. Daniels, district grand master; R. W. Wadkins, Albany, deputy district grand master; Peyton A. Allen, Atlanta, district grand secretary; A. Graves, Atlanta, district grand treasurer; L. L. Edwards, Waycross, grand director.

MAKES HIS REPORT ON NEGRO MASONS

A. F. Owens Shows That \$126,912.26 Has Been Received During the Past Year

To the Editor of The Age-Herald:

The Rev. A. F. Owens of Selma university, official reporter for the Alabama grand lodge, colored, A. F. and A. M., gives out the following final report on the financial status of the grand lodge, Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, grand master, and the state grand chapter, eastern Star, royal grand matron, Janie M. Balasco, Mobile, and the Rev. I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, in charge:

The thirty-fourth annual communication of the Alabama grand lodge, colored A. F. and A. M., was held in Dinkins Memorial hall, Selma university, Selma, August 17-19, 1915, Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, presiding.

Reports from 585 local lodges were read showing a membership of 16,000. Ten new lodges were added. All old officers re-elected.

FINANCE-ENDOWMENT.
Cash balance forwarded\$15,254.52
Received from August 20, 1914, to August 20, 1915, inclusive..... 76,322.71
Collected at Selma meeting 2,008.00

Total\$93,585.23
Disbursed during year78 415.45

Cash on hand at close grand lodge\$15,169.78
GRAND LODGE TREASURY

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Cash balance forwarded\$ 2,643.60
 Collected during the year 8,828.70
 Collected at the Selma meeting.... 1,000.00
 Total\$12,472.30
 Disbursed during the year 11,210.55
 Cash on hand at close of lodge..\$ 1,261.75
 Grand total received\$106,057.53
 Grand total disbursed 89,626.00
 Cash on hand in both depart-
 ments\$ 16,431.53
EASTERN STAR.
 Amount forwarded, endowment....\$ 3,983.77
 Collected during year 14,235.46
 Total\$18,219.23
 Disbursed during the year 15,751.30
 Balance 2,467.93
 In bank on interest 1,000.00
 Surplus with all claims paid\$ 3,467.93
 Grand chapter treasury forwarded..\$ 75.75
 Received during year 1,559.75
 Total\$1,635.50
 Total received by both depart-
 ments\$ 20,854.73
 Total received by both lodges.... 126,912.26
 The report of the auditors of the grand
 lodge confirms the report I am sending
 out with the exception of the money
 received during the Selma meeting.

COLORED MASONS BUILD

Ready to Begin Work on Handsome
 New Temple in This City.

Plans for Five-Story Structure to
 Cost About \$185,000 Completed
 and Contract Awarded.

Plans for a temple for colored Masons
 of the District, showing probably the
 most imposing structure ever erected
 by colored persons here, have been
 completed by N. T. Haller, architect,
 and the contract for building has been
 awarded to William A. Kimmel. Work,
 it is said, will begin the first of the
 year, and the building will be ready
 for occupancy eight months later.

The project, long contemplated, now
 seems assured of success. W. E. Dent-
 ington and Company engineered the
 financial side of the proposition, and
 were locally represented by Joseph
 Stein, attorney.

The temple will stand at the south-
 west corner of Tenth and U streets
 northwest, completely filling a plot
 owned by the colored Masons, running
 94 feet along U street and 135 feet on
 Tenth street. It will be five stories
 high, with a basement, where the First
 battalion, District of Columbia
 Guards, will have its armory
 hall, with quarters for officers.

Gray tapestry brick will be used on
 the exterior. An ornamental effect will
 be secured by running twin pilasters
 for the last two stories at frequent in-
 tervals. Trimmings will be of Indiana
 limestone. The main entrance will be
 on Tenth street. The Roman arch will
 be used, and the doorway will be about
 twenty feet wide. There will be a
 business entrance on U street.

The first floor will be divided into
 eight stores and lodge rooms. On the
 second floor will be an auditorium with
 a seating capacity of nearly 4,000, and
 on the third floor a gallery to the hall,
 surrounded by ten suites of office rooms.
 On the remaining two floors will be
 fraternal rooms, four for the Order of
 the Eastern Star, and a banquet hall
 on the fourth, and the Blue Lodge,
 Royal Arch, and Commandery rooms on
 the fifth.

The project will cost more than
 \$185,000 it is said. The Masons will
 hold an equity in the building and the
 balance of the cost will be in the form
 of trusts.

Georgia is again hunting for trouble.
 Judge H. Patterson of the
 Superior Court of Fulton County has
 handed down an interlocutory decree
 restraining Charles A. Poisson and
 several other members of Rabbat
 Temple from using the name Mystic
 Shrine and from using the signs,
 pass-words and grips. The case has
 been appealed and the white and col-
 ored folks will again begin the task
 of feeding lawyers and creating bad
 feeling among the races. It was to
 be hoped that both sides had enough
 of this kind of fighting. There is
 nothing for colored folks to do but
 to contend for their rights and to
 keep on hammering away until they
 get them.

NEW TEMPLE PLANNED FOR COLORED MASONS

Structure to Be Built at 10th and
 U Streets to Cost
 \$185,000.

W. A. Kimmel has been awarded the
 contract to erect the Colored Masonic
 Temple building at the southwest cor-
 ner of 10th and U streets northwest
 from plans prepared by H. T. Haller.
 The structure will have a frontage of
 about 95 feet on U street and 140 feet
 on 10th street, and is to cost about
 \$185,000.

The ground floor of the building is
 to be devoted to stores. An auditorium
 measuring 50 by 114 feet and office
 rooms are to occupy the second and third
 floors. Lodgerooms are to be on the
 fourth and fifth floors. On each of these
 floors there will be two rooms measuring
 50 by 76 feet each and one measuring 40
 by 76 feet.

An armory for use by the 1st Sepa-
 rate Battalion of the District National
 Guard is to be located in the basement
 of the building. In the center there
 will be a drill hall measuring 90 by 60
 feet, from which doors will lead into
 a number of officers' rooms, which are
 to surround it. A bowling alley also
 is to be located in the basement of the
 building.

The work of razing the old frame
 dwellings which now occupy the site
 on which the building is to be erected
 is to start in a few days, it is stated.

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JUL 28 1915 UNION HALL NEARLY READY

Negroes Will Dedicate New Struc-
 ture on Aurora Avenue
 September 2.

Union hall, being erected at Aurora
 avenue and Kent street, will be dedi-
 cated September 2. The structure,
 which is being erected by St. Paul
 negroes by Mars lodge of Odd Fellows
 and Perfect Ashlar lodge of Masons,
 will be completed about August 15.
 Governor Hammond, Lieutenant Gov-
 ernor Burnquist, Mayor Powers and
 W. T. Francis and W. R. Morris of
 Minneapolis will be the speakers.
 The building will contain a gymna-
 sium and bowling alleys in the base-
 ment, a large auditorium on the first
 floor. The lodge rooms of the two or-
 ders will occupy the second floor.

COLORED MASONS TO ERECT BUILDING

Special to the Banner.
 Knoxville, Tenn., August 5.—The col-
 ored Masons, jurisdiction of Tennes-
 see, in their forty-fifth grand commu-
 nication, has concluded one of the most
 successful sessions in the history of
 the order. Grand Master S. M. Stray-
 horn of Martin was re-elected, togeth-
 er with his entire corps of officers.
 Mrs. Ada C. Laprade was elected as
 grand worthy matron, and J. H. Adams,
 grand worthy patron of the Grand
 Lodge, Order Eastern Star. The grand
 lodge adjourned Wednesday evening
 and proceeded to Nashville, where
 ground will be broken on Friday
 morning at 10 o'clock for the \$20,000
 building that is to be erected at the
 Colored Widows' and Orphans' Home
 of that city. By a resolution passed
 by the grand lodge, this building was
 authorized, and the work on it will be

gin at once. Plans for the building
 were presented by O. W. Williams of
 Memphis.

LOCAL COLORED KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ARE HONORED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 28.—The fol-
 lowing officers were elected at the meeting
 of the state grand lodge, Colored Knights
 of Pythias here: E. G. Tidrington, Evans-
 ville, grand chancellor; Henry Hill, South
 Bend, vice chancellor; Campbell Uptegrove,
 Connersville, keeper of records and seals;
 Silas C. Pritchett, Indianapolis, master of
 exchequer; C. N. C. Hammonds, Terre
 Haute, prelate; James H. Lott, Indianap-
 olis, attorney; Freeman B. Ransom, In-
 dianapolis, treasurer; Arthur Bush, No-
 blesville, master at arms; Dr. C. L. Ca-
 ville, Terre Haute, medical registrar;
 Frank Jones, Indianapolis, inner guard;
 Charles H. Martin, Jeffersonville, outer
 guard; Curtis Anderson, Vincennes, mar-
 shal.

NEGROES TO DEDICATE HALL

Fraternal Gathering Place Probably
 Will Become Social Center
 for Race.

Union hall, Kent street and Aurora
 avenue, which is the only institution of
 its kind west of Chicago and which
 probably is the only building in the
 United States erected jointly by the
 Odd Fellows' and Masons' negro orders,
 will be dedicated Monday night, No-
 vember 8, it was announced today by
 W. T. Francis, chairman of the dedica-
 tion committee. Governor Hammond
 and Mayor Powers have been invited
 to speak.

The new Union hall is a three-story
 brick structure. It is provided with a
 gymnasium and an auditorium and will
 serve as a social center for the negroes
 of the city.

NEGRO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS PLAN HALL IN MERIDIAN

Special to The Advertiser.

MERIDIAN, MISS., Mach 4.—The ne-
 gro Knights of Pythias of Meridian are
 planning the erection of a castle hall,
 to be located on Fifth Street. The
 proposed building will cost approxi-
 mately \$25,000 to \$30,000 and construc-
 tion will begin within the present
 year, according to plans presented by
 C. T. Butler, past grand chancellor.

ORDER OF MOSES ENDS 48TH ANNUAL SESSION

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The
 forty-eighth annual session of the Grand
 Encampment of the Order of Moses ad-
 journed Friday night, October 22, after
 an eventful session.

The next session will be held in Bos-
 ton, Mass.

Savannah Militia Complains.

Adjutant General J. Van Holt Nash
 has received from the militia of Sa-
 vannah complaint that the negro uni-
 form rank, Knights of Pythias of Sa-
 vannah, have adopted a uniform prac-
 tically similar to that used by the
 national guard. Adjutant General
 Nash has informed the Savannah com-
 panies that this is in violation of the
 federal law, and that he will take
 proper steps to remedy the situation
 upon request from Savannah.

SEP 3 1915 NEGRO FRAT CONVENTION HEARS COMMITTEE REPORT

Friday's convention of several hun-
 dred delegates to the supreme coun-
 cil of Friends of the World, a negro
 fraternal order, was taken up with re-
 ports from committees and resolu-
 tions; Friday night memorial exercises
 are scheduled.

"The good white man and the good
 negro can live in prosperity in the
 South," said Supreme President Wil-
 liams. "We must take higher ground
 in education as a move toward this
 end. It should not take a catastrophe
 to teach us brotherhood."

COLORED KNIGHTS TEMPLARS TO HOLD RECEPTION

On February 25th the Ocean Sprin-
 Commandery, No. 3, will hold their se-
 cond annual inspection, reception and ban-
 quet at Fitzgerald's Auditorium. Music
 will be furnished for the occasion by Prof.
 Dent's orchestra. There will be dancing
 from nine until two. A distinguished
 speaker will deliver the principal toast
 of the evening. The committee in charge
 of arrangements is composed of the follow-
 ing Knights: Sir John Ridgeley, chair-
 man; Sir Silas G. Hopkins, Sir R. Hill
 Brown, Sir C. M. Wilson, Sir E. W. Bailey,
 Sir Charles Anderson, Sir E. J. Elam.

NOBLE ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN

The Heroines of Jericho in Their Forty-First Annual Communication Held at Macon, Mo., This Week Make History for the Order and Race.

MRS. C. R. McDOWELL, G. M. A. M., AN IDEAL PRESIDING OFFICER.

A Brilliant Assemblage of the Representative Women of the Race and a Body of Staunch and Loyal Supporters of the Masonic Home.

A Splendid Offering of \$232.70 Given by the Ladies of this Organization to Renovate and Beautify the Masonic Home.

A HIGHLY INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE SESSION—MRS. DOLLIE STEVENS ELECTED GRAND M. A. M.

The most representative organization of women of the race that have assembled in the state this year was the Heroines of Jericho of the state of Missouri and its jurisdiction who held their forty-first annual communication of their Grand Court in the city of Macon, May 25, 26 and 27, with Mrs. C. R. McDowell as Most Ancient Grand Matron and Miss Lillian Hamilton, Grand Secretary. The ladies of St. Martha No. 31 had made extensive and elaborate preparation for the entertainment of the Grand Court and were ably assisted by the brethren of Dove Lodge No. 13, A. F. & A. M. After the formal dedication of the hall where the sessions were held, which was Bethel A. M. E. church, the Grand Matron proceeded to open in ample form the Grand Court. Nearly all the Courts of the jurisdiction were represented, and the assemblage presented a beautiful and inspiring picture. On the evening of the first day a public reception was tendered the visiting officers and delegates at the Baptist Church and a very elaborate program was rendered. The addresses of welcome of Mr. W. S. Brown and Mrs. J. H. Garnett were fittingly and eloquently responded to by Mrs. Dollie Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs.

M. E. Goins of Jefferson City. After which a social hour with refreshments was had. The annual address of the G. M. A. M., Mrs. McDowell, was one of the most interesting, eloquent and comprehensive the Craft has ever heard, and at its conclusion she was tendered an ovation. The Grand Master, N. C. Crews, of Kansas City, was a welcome visitor and at the conclusion of the Grand Matron's address was extended the courtesies of the floor and in an address, evoked tremendous applause, paid high compliment to the character and ability of the Grand Matron, her magnificent address and the splendid representation of the foremost women of the state, who were in attendance at this Grand session. After the hearing of the reports of the various officers, the Grand Master was called before the pedestal and in a neat little speech Mrs. Ida B. Green of Joplin, Mo., presented a check for \$232.70 for the benefit of the Masonic Home. The Grand Master in response said that he was overwhelmed with this splendid testimonial from the Courts for our beloved institution, and accepted it in the name of the Grand Lodge and asked the Grand Matron to endorse the appointment of a committee composed of the following Past Grand Matrons: Mesdames McDowell of Hannibal, E. J. Smith of St. Louis,

Carter of Kansas City, Dixon of Palmyra, and Kenner of Marshall, to meet at the Home at a date to be designated by the Grand Master, go carefully over it and report the physical needs of that institution, that suitable repairs and improvements may be made previous to the sitting of the Grand Lodge, and invited the Grand Court to send its executive officers to the next session of the Grand Lodge to be tendered a reception in conjunction with the officers of the Grand Chapter by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Missouri and its jurisdiction. Among the distinguished Masons who visited the Grand Court were: Grand Master Crews, Grand Secretary G. W. K. Love, Grand Relief Secretary W. W. Fields, Past Grand Lecturer E. W. Perkins, Dr. Jno. E. Goins, Dr. C. R. McDowell, and Messrs. Innuitt of Gallatin, Crockett of Kirksville and several others whose names our reporter did not obtain.

On Wednesday the election of officers was held, which resulted as follows, and after a spirited contest Mrs. Dolly Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., defeated Mrs. M. E. Goins of Jefferson City for Grand Most Ancient Matron by a vote of 230 to 191. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Officers.

Mrs. Dolly Stevens, 1100 Lindell St., Hannibal, Mo., G. M. A. M.
Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Lexington, Mo., G. V. M.
Rev. M. S. Bryant, St. Charles, Mo., G. W. J.
Mrs. Lilah H. Swan, 1514 E. 17th St., Kansas City, Mo., G. C. Treas.
Miss Catherine White, 2732 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo., G. S. Secy.
Mrs. Daisy McKnight, Kansas City, Mo., G. R. Treas.
Mrs. Ida A. Walker, St. Joseph, Mo., G. R. Secy.
Mrs. Mary E. Goins, 712 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, Mo., G. B. Treas.
Mrs. A. J. Carter, Kansas City, Mo., G. B. F. Secy.
Mrs. Zenobia Grant, Macon, Mo., G. I. G. K.
Mrs. Pearl Brown, Joplin, Mo., G. O. G. K.
Mrs. N. H. Kenner, 265 S. Ellsworth, Marshall Mo., Chairman of F. C. Com.
The next place of meeting by a unanimous vote, is Independence, Mo.

INJUNCTION STOPS

U. B. F. MEETING

The Voice of
NATIONAL GRAND MASTER AND ASSOCIATES RESTRAINED FROM INTERFERING WITH STATE AFFAIRS

FAIRS WHEN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO INVESTIGATE GRAND MAS. Yonkers, N. Y.
TER'S OFFICE

2/24/15.
Injunction papers secured by Grand Master C. A. Howze, of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, restraining Dr. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Texas, national grand master, Hon. P. F. Hill, of Nashville, Tenn., deputy national grand master, Dr. J. S. Jackson, a special national deputy for Alabama, and their other associates, L. H. Harrison, I. L. Dismukes, Amanda Hines from in any way interfering with Howze's office, investigating his official conduct or for holding a mass state convention for that purpose, and which papers were served on the defendants immediately after the arrival of the national grand master for the purpose set forth in his printed proclamation, prevented to date any official action that was designed to provide relief for certain alleged troubled conditions confronting the order in this state.

For some time, in various ways, it has been noised about that the national grand master would investigate the office of the state grand master, on charges that had been preferred. In the meantime, Howze had preferred counter charges against his accusers. Dr. Speed made it plain that all the charges would be investigated, and such action taken as the majority of the members attending the mass state convention would decide. To prepare for the state convention, Dr. J. S. Jackson had been appointed a special national deputy. The injunction papers served on the individuals named were returnable within five days, and Dr. Speed emphatically declared that he came into Alabama to get the matter straightened out and that he was prepared to remain here until he did so.

"I am surprised at Mr. Howze's action," said Dr. Speed. "He had intimated that he had nothing to fear from an audit of his books and an investigation of his office. He knew that I was his friend, and that he would get a fair and impartial trial. I wired him just when I would reach the city, and I fully expected that as a brother official, he would have met me and extended to me ordinary courtesies."

In the meantime the office furniture which Mr. Howze has been using, together with the plant of the Birmingham Wide Awake, the official organ of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. fraternity has been sold at public auction to satisfy a mortgage held by James H. Dismukes.

From all indications it will be some time within the next week before any decisive action can be taken.

Colored Men's Order Closed Annual Meeting This Morning, Electing New Rochelle Man For Grand Chancellor.

The closing meeting of the State convention of the colored Knights of Pythias was held in Wiggins hall, 24 North Broadway, this morning. There were about 200 visitors present, of whom about 60 were delegates.

The following were the officers chosen for the ensuing year: Grand Chancellor, Lee Crawford, of New Rochelle; Grand Vice-Chancellor, H. Adolph Howell, of New York; Grand Prelate, Rev. J. L. Pinn, of Utica; G. K. R. and S., Dan Agys, of New York; G. M. Ex., William McFarland, of Brooklyn; Grand Secretary Reserve Fund, J. R. Hoyt, of Brooklyn; Past Grand Chancellor, D. R. Johnson, of Brooklyn; Treasurer Reserve Fund Department, P. W. Jones, of New York; Grand Medical Register, Dr. C. P. McClendian, of Brooklyn; Grand Lecturer, John R. Greene, of Yonkers; Grand Attorney and Representative Supreme lodge (long term), W. A. Smith, of New York; Representative Supreme lodge (short term), Lee Crawford; Grand Marshal, R. L. Zeno, of Brooklyn; Grand Master at Arms, E. W. Nailer, of Ithaca; Trustee, J. W. Strother, of Utica; Inner Guard, Theodore Thomas; Outer Guard, J. W. Elliot. Rev. H. L. Jones was elected delegate to the New Jersey Convention to be held in the latter part of October.

It was decided to hold the 1916 convention at Ithaca, N. Y.

Last night the various lodges paraded through the principal streets of the city to Hillside park. The parade was led by Grand Marshal J. L. Hawly, of Mount Vernon. The following uniformed lodges were in line: Chivaluck, of New York; Eureka, of Brooklyn, and Imperial of New York. The New Amsterdam band of New York, and Bowman's K. of P. band, of New Rochelle, furnished the music. At the park there was dancing and an exhibition drill. The Eureka lodge was awarded a cup for their drilling.

A resolution was passed thanking the citizens of Yonkers for the interest shown in the parade and the welcome given the visitors.

NEGRO GRAND MASTER RELIEVED OF OFFICE

Fraternal Orders Will Be Reorganized to Overcome Factional Difficulties.

Special to The Advertiser.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 12.—To settle the differences that have arisen in the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Tens, a negro fraternal organization, Dr. J. S. Jackson, of this city, financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, has been appointed by the national grand master, J. E. Speed, of Texas, a national deputy, and is given authority to call a special mass convention to meet in Birmingham for the purpose of reorganizing the order.

The former grand master, C. A. Howze, of Birmingham, is under charges of mal-administration and incompetency and is by this order of the grand master relieved of his responsibilities. Dr. Jackson's commission gives him jurisdiction also over the States of Georgia, Florida and North Carolina as well as Alabama. He is now issuing a call for a mass convention for this city, February 10th, and all members, whether financial or not, will be permitted to attend.

Dr. Jackson is well known in fraternal circles in Alabama and the whole South, and his unsolicited selection for this important task gives confidence in the future of the organization and assurance of the order's perpetuity.

DR. R. M. BARANCO ELECTED NATIONAL PHYSICIAN OF THE KNIGHT OF PETER CLAVER

By Wm. Venable.

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 3.—Prof. Youngblood, A. B. A. graduate of the industrial and college courses of the Georgia State College, and a resident of Macon, Ga., has accepted the presidency of the Baton Rouge College. * * Memorial exercises were held August 22 at Wesley M. E. Church for Dr. M. C. B. Mason. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Dr. T. A. Walker, M., Prof. F. C. Blundon and the pastor, Rev. B. M. Mack Hubbard, D. D. * * The board of management of the Mutual Relief Home are engaged in erecting a comfortable home for the aged and infirm negroes. B. V. Jennings, secretary. * * B. V. Baranco was elected grand master of Louisiana District Grand Lodge No. 21, G. U. O. of O. E., at the recent grand lodge session held at Donaldsonville, La., defeating ex-Grand Director T. R. Woodland, who had the support of the Mills administration. * * Mrs. B. E. Hodgkins, 1008 St. Peter street, New Orleans, La., is spending a vacation of thirty days with her mother, Mrs. Annie Morgan, 317 Liberty street. * * The social given by Mrs. McMan at the home of Mrs. M. J. Earls at 1119 Africa street in honor of the Willard sisters, met with a remarkable success. * * The ladies of Bethel A. M. E. Church gave a shoe party at Bethel Church on St. Hypolite street, Monday night, August 24. * * Mr. Thomas Smiler, after a few days' stay in New Orleans on business, returned safely to his home at 818 North street. * * A re-

ception was given at the new Grand Theater in honor of the Nelson sisters on the night of August 27—Miss Gussie Nelson, Miss Ethel Nelson and Miss Gladys Nelson were the guests of Miss Estell Thomas, 755 Middle street. * * Mr. John Dixon, 756 Europe street, left this city last Sunday, August 29, on a business trip to New Orleans for a stay of one week. * * A party was given last week at 635 St. Charles street by little Miss Clara Day, the daughter of Mrs. and Mr. J. L. Day, 635 St. Charles street, in honor of her little friends and met with much success. * * A new club has been organized at Bethel A. M. E. Church called the Bethel Volunteers. * * Dr. R. M. Baranco of this city has been elected national physician of the Knights of Peter Claver at the annual meeting held in Mobile, Ala., August 18 and 19.

COLORED MASONS PARADE

Centennial Ends Celebration With Drills and Reception.

The centennial celebration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Colored F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, which was held in this city, ended yesterday along with the annual convention which was held in Masonic Hall, No. 409 South Eleventh street, where the first colored grand lodge in America was founded in 1815.

The climax of the celebration was reached yesterday when more than 5000 members of the Grand Lodge, including visiting members from 15 lodges of Washington, Baltimore, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, New York and various other cities assembled at Broad and Callowhill streets and marched south along Broad street to Moyamensing avenue, thence to Point Breeze Park, where a celebration took place, including drills by various lodges for cash prizes. Past Grand Master Philip H. Edwards was chief marshal.

The celebration at the park was under the direction of the Centennial Celebration Committee. The parade was headed by the two main ladies' auxiliary bodies of the order, who rode in automobiles, they were the Heroines of Jericho and the Daughters of the Eastern Star. The first prize in the drill was won by the Ivanhoe Lodge of New York. The Ocean Spray Commandery, of Atlantic City, N. J., which entered the competition, was found not to have its full quota of 18 members and three officers, and was consequently disqualified. The judges of the competition were Superintendent of Police Robinson, Captain H. Duncan, of the Fairmount Park Guards; George H. White, Harry W. Bass, Major Andrew F. Stevens and Right Eminent Commander William J. Douglas, of Atlantic City. A crowd of about 8000 attended the drills.

The convention was closed with a reception at Musical Fund Hall under the auspices of the ladies' auxiliaries. Following the reception the centennial exercises were held and the first prize of \$300 was awarded to the Ivanhoe Commandery by G. Grant Williams, junior warden of Mt. Olive Lodge No. 27. A banquet was served to the members by the ladies' orders.

NATION'S CAPITAL HAPPENINGS AT

Fifteenth St. Presbyterian Church

May Be Sold—Rev. Emory B.

Smith New Pastor at Lincoln Temple Church

Washington, June 18.—Mrs. Mabel Wormley Strudwick, who recently became the wife of Dr. W. C. Strudwick, of Durham, N. C., is in the city on a visit to her mother.

Hon. J. C. Napier and wife have returned to their home in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Napier will be in the city frequently to look after the interests of the Supreme Order of Helpers of the World, of which he is the official head.

MCGUINN PLEADS FOR SHRINERS

Baltimore Attorney Argues For

Colored Shriners Before

The Atlanta Court

Special to The Advertiser.
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 14.—The case of Yorable Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, (white) in which they sought to enjoin Rabban Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, (colored) for using the names, emblems, etc., of the Order, was concluded today after arguments by the counsel on both sides. The case was tried before Judge H. L. Patterson of a North Georgia circuit, and was elaborately argued by W. H. Terrill, J. L. Mason and W. A. Fuller, for the white Temple, and George Gordon, of Atlanta, and Warner T. McGuinn, of Baltimore, for the defendants, the colored Temple, from the point of view of the Georgia statutes as well as from the general principals of equity.

The case was held Sub Curi, and a decision will be handed down later. All the judges of the Fulton

County Superior Court having disqualified themselves, it was necessary to go outside of the county in order to secure a judge to sit in the case.

Rabban Temple, No. 27, is one of the Temples holding its charter from the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and is one of the 68 Temples of the Order, all of which are colored members. The white Temple sought to prevent them from using the name of the Order appearing as such in public. The case was tried a couple of months ago before Judge Bell of the Superior Court of Fulton County at Atlanta, and was decided in favor of the colored Temple. On account of the disqualification of Judge Bell, who had relatives who were members of the white Temple, the same case applied to all the judges in Atlanta and it was therefore necessary to go outside of Atlanta to secure a judge to sit in the case.

FAVORABLE REPORTS BY NEGRO PYTHIAN OFFICERS

Patrolman Singleton's Daughter Youngest Colored Pythian, Introduced.

The morning session Thursday of the Grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, was full of interest as the reports of the secretary and of the treasurer of the endowment board were read. The secretary, L. E. Brown, of Memphis, gave a detailed account of the expenditures and receipts of all moneys coming into his office, and his statements that created great enthusiasm, were verified by Wayman Wilson, treasurer, also of Memphis.

It was pointed out that since the last annual session of the grand lodge, more than \$32,000 has passed through the endowment bureau, and there is still a balance remaining of nearly \$23,000. Monday of this week, Secretary Brown reported the endowment board arranged to pay off more than \$6,000 in claims. Both reports were well received.

The grand lodge was paid a visit by a committee representing the grand

court of Calanthe, for which Emma Joe Cockrill, of Nashville, spoke greetings. An eloquent response for the grand lodge was made by Dr. W. A. Tate, presiding elder of the Knoxville district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A feature of the morning session was the introduction of little Margaret Singleton, daughter of Patrolman John Singleton, who was introduced as the youngest Pythian in Tennessee.

For the uniform rank department, two companies of which marched into the Castle hall, Brigadier F. C. Henderson, of Chattanooga, made remarks that won for his department many friends.

This afternoon and this evening, further reports will be read by grand officers and the election, most likely, will be held. It is conceded that Grand Chancellor J. P. Crawford will meet with very little opposition.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF MASONS HOLDS SESSION

Philadelphia, May 19.—The annual session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States was held at the Masonic Temple, South 11th street, last Friday. The most puissant sovereign grand commander, J. Frank Richard, of Detroit, presided.

Besides transacting a large amount of routine business, officers were elected and Indianapolis chosen as the next place of meeting. J. H. Murphy, of Baltimore, imperial potentate of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was among the visitors introduced. Other visitors included: C. E. Dunlop, Indianapolis; J. M. Morris, Minneapolis; William Oscar Payne, Henry A. Spencer, John J. T. Jackson and James McCadden, all of New York; John J. Jones, Massachusetts; W. J. Hargett, Connecticut; Rev. F. T. M. Webster, Hon. W. W. F. Powell, James W. Allison and W. F. Miller, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The following officers were elected: J. Frank Richards, Detroit, most puissant sovereign grand commander; R. E. Moore, Chicago, lieutenant sovereign grand commander; Dr. S. A. Furniss, Indianapolis, grand minister of state, and William A. Miller grand secretary general, H. E.

Secret Societies - 1915 PROGRAM

OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNITED ORDER OF GOOD SHEPHERDS, U. S. A.

To Be Held in the City of Greenville, Ala., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 21, 22 and 23, 1915, at the Lomas Hannon High School Building.

G. W. Chandler, Supreme President.
Rev. E. W. Cooke, National Treasurer.

Mrs. S. L. Duncan, National Secretary.

Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., Master of Ceremonies.

Prof. J. R. Wingfield, Reporter.

First Day's Session.

On Wednesday morning, promptly at ten o'clock, there will be an agricultural parade in which there will be members in vehicles of all kinds. This parade will be led by Rev. G. W. Moorer, Supreme Chaplain, over the principal streets of Greenville. Music will be furnished by the Chapman brass band.

At 12 o'clock noon the Supreme Grand Session will be called to order by Supreme President G. W. Chandler.

Song, "And Are We Yet Alive To See Each Other's Face."

Scripture reading by Rev. J. L. Grayson, D. D.

Song, "Pass Me Not, O, Gentle Savious."

Prayer—Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer.

Song—Selected.

Introduction of visitors and members.

Wednesday Afternoon Business Continued.

Friday Night Session at A. M. E. Zion Church.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., will call the house to order.

Special reading by Rev. C. A. Smyley, D. D., Supreme Vice President.

Solo—Miss Fannie Lee McCarroll.

Welcome Address—Rev. S. A. Ruthford.

Duett—Misses Frances Cone, Ophelia Cook.

Response—Mr. L. L. Powell, State Grand Master Mosaic Templars.

Chorus—St. Paul Baptist Church Choir.

Annual sermon by Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D., LL. D., presented by Rev. E. W. Cooke, National Treasurer and Manager of Good Shepherds' Home.

Music—Butler Chapel Choir.

Prayer—By Rev. L. W. Calloway, D. D.

Solo—Mrs. Tony Ryan.

Remarks by Supreme President, G. W. Chandler.

Quartette—Misses Daisy Jordan, Lilian Woover, Clory Wingfield and Mr. Palmer Boyd.

Thursday Morning—Second Day's Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer at 9:30.

After devotional exercises are over the Supreme Grand Session will then take up unfinished business.

Thursday Afternoon—Business Continued.

Report of Shepherds'ville, Rev. E. W. Cooke, Manager.

Thursday Night Session at St. Paul Baptist Church.

At 8 o'clock Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., will call the house to order.

Music—St. Paul Baptist Church.

Scripture Reading—Rev. L. D. Workman, D. D.

Prayer by Pastor Gulley.

Music—By First Baptist Church Choir.

Special Sermon—Rev. Wm. Madison, D. D., presented by Rev. C. A. Smyley, D. D., Supreme Vice President.

Music—Butler Chapel Choir.

Remarks by Supreme President G. W. Chandler.

Solo—Miss Frances Cone.

Friday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer.

Address by Mr. M. H. Hunter, subject: "Shepherds'ville and Its Advancement."

Remarks by Mr. J. M. Smith.

Report of Board of Elders.

Business continued.

From 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m., children's hour.

Busy Lambs.

Address to Worthy Mothers and Busy Lambs by Rev. J. L. Grayson, D. D.

Friday Afternoon's Session.

Supreme Chaplain Rev. G. W. Moorer, will conduct devotional exercises.

Promptly at 2:30 Supreme President G. W. Chandler will deliver his annual message.

Report of Board of Control and Trustees.

Friday Night—Closing Session.

Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, will call the house to order at 8 o'clock.

Prayer—Rev. Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Music—High School Chorus.

After devotional exercises are over a general discussion will be entered into relative to the health of our people and condition of the country and its needs by Rev. S. J. Elliott, D. D., National Grand Master of the Mosaic Templars.

Duett—Lula L. Wingfield and Prof. J. R. Wingfield.

Dr. D. C. Northcross, Dr. H. M. Nuttall and Prof. W. M. Rakestraw.

Quartette—Misses Clory Wingfield, Leonora Henderson, Messrs. Claiborne B. Johnson and Willis McDaniel.

Duett—Mrs. M. L. Williams and Miss Lela Boyd.

Closing remarks by Supreme President, G. W. Chandler.

Supreme Officers.

G. W. Chandler, Supreme President.

Rev. C. A. Smyley, Supreme Vice President.

Rev. G. W. Moorer, Supreme Chaplain.

OHIO TO ENTERTAIN

K. of P. SUPREME LODGE

The K. of P. Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, which is to be held in this city in August, was set in motion last week.

Knights of Pythias throughout the country, when they come to Columbus next August, will find that the entire state of Ohio is to be the host, rather than this city alone. The incorporation last week, under the laws of the State of Ohio, of the "Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee," marked the beginning of active steps to prepare for the reception of the Supreme Lodge, Court of Calanthe and Uniform Rank.

The officers of this Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee consists of Attorney R. B. Barcus, president; W. H. Woods, vice president; W. H. Ferguson, Harris, record secretary; Dr. W. A. Method, treasurer; board of trustees, the above-named and State Supreme Grand Chancellor W. L. Anderson, H. V. Jamison, Robert S. Allen, Col. Isaac Farley, Capt. C. C. Caldwell, the Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Miss Ollie B. Pettiford, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Nettie Wyatt and Miss Marie Jones.

It is expected that all the seventy-

four subordinate lodges throughout Ohio will contribute financially, and otherwise to give visiting Knights a week of entertainment surpassing that of any previous city in which the Supreme Lodge has convened.

Gov. Willis to Welcome Knights.

Memorial Hall, the largest and finest in the state, has already been secured for the great banquet and for the public entertainment, the auditorium of the white Chamber of Commerce has been secured for the entire week, in which to hold the Supreme Lodge sessions and Lynden Hall has been secured for the week's sessions of the Court of Calanthe.

The Governor of Ohio, Frank E. Willis, has consented to welcome the Knights on the part of the State, and Mayor George J. Karb has agreed to welcome them on behalf of the city. Ample and beautiful grounds have been secured for the encampment, the grounds being reached by two lines of street railroads, ten minutes ride from the heart of the city. The white citizens will co-operate with the committee.

Supreme Chancellor Green, of New Orleans, and General R. R. Jackson, of the Uniform Rank, of Chicago, have both visited the city, inspected the plans prepared by the Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee, and placed their O.K. on same. Grand Chancellor W. L. Anderson, of Cincinnati, with other grand lodge officers, are earnestly co-operating, and the Grand Lodge itself is lending every assistance, financial and otherwise.

It has been decided to purchase several hundred copies of THE AGE for the week of the Grand Lodge session for free distribution at the headquarters.

ELKS HONOR

BALTIMOREAN

GEO. W. F. McMECHEN ELECTED ESTEEMED KNIGHT IN CHICAGO

Female Auxiliary Met—Mrs. Mary Hayes Preside

Chicago, September 8.—With a big ball the seventeenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Improved Benevolent Order of Elks came to an end last Friday night. During the afternoon a big street parade was held, thousands of people lining the route.

Great Lakes Lodge left no stone unturned in providing entertainment and comfort for the 300 or more visitors from distant lodges of the Order.

Big Time Awaits Them

State Grand Lodge and Local Committees Have Loyal Welcome in Store.

The business sessions were held at the Odd Fellow's Hall. Reports from the various officers showed that the Antlered Herd were making substantial progress. It was decided to appoint a committee to find out a way for lifting the ban in New York State against colored Elks wearing pins of the Order.

The Baltimore delegation were going to press the claims of their city for the next session. When they found that O. V. Catto Lodge, of Philadelphia, was making a strong bid for the next session, they threw their support to sister city.

Armand Scott of Washington, and his friends were on hand to oppose T. Gillis Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., for re-election as grand exalted ruler, but J. Frank Wheaton, of New York, made such an eloquent and winning speech in placing Mr. Nutter in nomination that Scott withdrew his candidacy.

Attorney George W. F. McMechen, of Baltimore, easily defeated Stewart vt, of Boston, for re-election as esteemed leading knight. Wil Lewis, of Baltimore, placed the g candidate in nomination and was defeated by a vote of 97 to

r officers elected were George S. Minneapolis, esteemed lecturer; Adolph Howell, New York, esteemed loyal knight; George S. Jersey City, grand secretary; E. R. Carter, Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; Dr. Stevens, Wilmington, Del., grand outer guard, and William H. Stanton, Pittsburg, Pa., grand attorney.

The Baltimoreans in attendance were Messrs. McMechen, Lewis, Raymond Cates, William Johnson and Lawson N. Duffin.

The Daughters of Elks, the female auxiliary, also met with Mrs. Mary Hodges, of Hampton, Va., presiding.

PYTHIANS MEET

IN COLUMBUS

The Journal

Next Session of National Body

Will Convene in Ohio City

4/18/15

Big Time Awaits Them

State Grand Lodge and Local Committees Have Loyal Welcome in Store.

(Special to Journal and Guide.)

Columbus, Ohio.—Active steps were taken this week to prepare for the entertaining of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Encampment, Colored Knights of Pythias, which is to be held in this city in August. A Supreme Lodge entertainment committee, incorporated under the laws of Ohio, and to be under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge, was incorporated last week with Attorney Robert B. Barcus, as president, Dr. W. A. Method, treasurer, and a board of trustees which includes in addition to these officers, state grand chancellor, W. L. Anderson, Robert S. Allen, Col. Isaac Farley, Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Capt. C. C. Caldwell, H. U. Jamison, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Nettie Wyatt, Miss Marie Jones and Miss Ollie L. Pettiford. Already the committee has secured the million dollar memorial hall here in which to hold the public entertainment and grand ball and banquet, the auditorium of the white chamber of commerce in which to hold the daily sessions of the Court of Calanthe. Beautiful and ample grounds located between two lines of street railway, and within ten minutes ride of the heart of the city, have been secured for the encampment of the uniform rank, and more than a thousand dollars will be expended to adapt these grounds to the needs of the uniform rank. Governor Frank B. Willis has consented to deliver the welcoming address on the part of the state, and Mayor Geo. J. Karb has agreed to deliver a welcoming address on behalf of the city. Supreme grand chancellor of New Orleans and General R. R. Jackson of the uniform rank, Chicago, have both been here and inspected the plans and placed their O. K. on the same. The whole state of Ohio will co-operate in acting as host and making the stay of the thirty-five thousand visiting Knights and ladies expected a success, and in making this meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge the greatest in every way in its history. Both white and colored people are actively co-operating, financially and otherwise, to afford a week of entertainment never before accorded a colored fraternity.

ST. LOUISAN AGAIN HEADS STATE NEGRO PYTHIANS

Grand Chancellor Aaron W. Lloyd of St. Louis was re-elected by the negro Knights of Pythias of Missouri at the closing session yesterday at Pythian Hall, 3137 Pine street. The lodge will meet next year in Springfield, Mo.

Other officers chosen were: A. C. Macklin, Hannibal, vice grand chancellor; J. B. Coleman, Columbia, prelate; W. T. Ancell, Huntsville, grand keeper of records and seal; Charles Baker, Farmington, grand master of the exchequer; B. F. Adams, Springfield, grand lecturer; W. J. Tompkins, Kansas City, medical register; A. M. Oliver, Cape Girardeau, master of arms; J. T. Ancell, Macon, grand inner guard; N. E. Brunson, Neelyville, grand outer guard; F. W. Dabney, Kansas City, past grand chancellor; L. A. Knox, Kansas City, grand attorney; Charles H. Brown and David E. Gordon of St. Louis, supreme representatives.

Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner was re-elected grand worthy counselor of the Grand Court of Calanthe, which met simultaneously with the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Miss Zenobia Williams of St. Louis also was re-elected secretary.

St. Louis Republic

NEGROES TO UNVEIL SHAFT

Memorial Is to Founder of Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

The first monument to be erected to a negro by his own people in Missouri will be unveiled to-morrow noon in Father Dickson Cemetery, on Big Bend road, south of Kirkwood. It is for the man whose name is given to the cemetery, which is owned by negroes. The monument is a rough hewn pillar of red Missouri granite erected at a cost of \$2,000 by the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, International Order of Twelve. The organization was formed 61 years ago in St. Louis by Rev. Moses Dickson, negro preacher, editor and author.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor are holding their ninth triennial grand session in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues. There now are 125,000 members, represented by 680 delegates from Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and California.

S. A. Jordan, International Grand Mentor of the order, will conduct the unveiling ceremonies. The delegates will go on a special Frisco train from Union Station at 10 a. m.

GEORGIA COURT DECIDES ADVERSELY TO NEGRO SHRINERS

Atlanta, Ga.—Judge H. L. Patterson today made permanent the injunction against the Negro Shriners of Georgia. It is understood that the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The petition was brought in the Atlanta Courts some time ago by Potentate Forrest Adair, representing the Order, against Charles Faison et al., Faison being the potentate of the local Negro lodge. Judge H. L. Patterson of the Blue Ridge circuit was named to hear the suit for injunction, as every Atlanta judge was either a Shriner or a near relative of one. Judge Patterson granted a temporary injunction against the Negro Order, and this week made it permanent.

The injunction applies only to the State of Georgia, but it is expected to be followed by similar suits in those states where the Negro Order, said to be founded in Washington, makes its appearance.

G. U. O. of F. of G. of E. and W. H. Camden, N. J.—The eleventh annual convention of the G. U. O. of F. of G. of E. & W. H. held their session in Camden on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 9, 10 and 11 at Franklin Hall, Seventh street. The session was very nice and eighty-seven delegates were present. There was a fine street parade Monday evening led by Grandmaster E. E. Holland. Banners of various Tabernacles were floating all through the line of march.

One beautiful feature of the session was a lawn fete at Johnson's Lawn on Monday evening. All during the days of the session business prevailed, proving that the delegates elected were intelligent enough to legislate laws for the order.

The grand officers elected were as follows: E. E. Holland, grand master, New York City; Wm. H. Garrett, deputy grand master, Baltimore; Annie Hammond, grand associate; A. B. Daes, grand financial secretary; Lillie Prattes, grand recording secretary; A. G. Turner, grand treasurer; B. G. Johnson, grand orator; Rev. J. W. Johnson, grand chaplain; Camden; Alfred Nixon, grand marshal; W. Randall, grand inner guard; Chas. Cleck, grand outer guard; Laura Bowie, grand conductor; Mary Lyons, G. R. H. S. to G. M.; Cornelia, G. L. H. S. to G. M.; Mary Beebe, G. R. H. S. to grand associate; Mary Gibson, G. L. H. S. to grand associate; Wm. E.

Memford, grand installing master. The grand committee set up a degree house union No. 4 after all business was over and officers were installed by Mr. Memford. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to grand master Holland. Thursday morning the eleventh annual convention adjourned to meet in Kingston, N. Y. 1916.

NEGRO MASONS TO GATHER

Centennial Celebration of Grand Lodge to Be Held Here.

The centennial celebration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Pennsylvania, to be held in the local headquarters, No. 409 South Eleventh street, will draw several thousand members to this city next Thursday and Friday. The Eleventh street headquarters is the same building where the lodge was founded and is in splendid order despite its age.

The celebration will open Thursday morning with an assembly at the headquarters, from which the members will march to Musical Fund Hall, where Mayor Blankenburg is expected to deliver an address. Past Grand Master William H. Miller will deliver the address in response. Most Worthy Grand Master John P. Scott will deliver the oration and brief addresses will be made by prominent members of the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges.

Exemplification of symbolic Masonry will be under the direction of Thomas W. Collins and Charles Reynolds, grand lecturers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Musical Fund Hall in the afternoon and only Master Masons will attend. In another part of Musical Fund Hall on the same afternoon will be given a reception by the Courts of the Heroines of Jericho and Chapters of the Eastern Star to visiting members of the Adoptive Rite. The day's exercises will be closed with a banquet in honor of the centennial anniversary in Musical Fund Hall.

On Friday morning the Grand and subordinate lodges, visiting Grand and subordinate lodges will assemble at the Eleventh street headquarters and will march to Point Breeze Park, where a competitive drill will be staged for money prizes. The celebration will close with a reception in Musical Fund Hall in the evening.

Those in charge of the celebration are Peter A. Robinson, chairman; William H. Miller, vice chairman; Amos Scott, treasurer; Andrew S. Coles, secretary, and Charles Polk, assistant secretary.

TRUE REFORMER CASE DECIDED IN OHIO

Cincinnati, O., October 22.—A decision of importance to over seventy five thousand people, mostly colored residents of Virginia, was handed down by Common Pleas Judge Fred L. Hoffman here today.

The action was against a fraternal and benefit order known as the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers having Richmond Va., as headquarters, and it holds that the

Reformers' Mercantile and Industrial Association is really a subsidiary of the Grand Fountain, and property held in the name of the latter can be subjected to claims against the Grand Fountain.

It is claimed here that a Richmond ex-officer of the order skipped out with a large sum, but even this has not seriously crippled the order.

The present action was a suit of Della Parks, technically to recover \$125 benefits from the Grand Fountain, and to subject property at 730 West Seventh street here, valued at \$18,000, and known as "True Reformers' hall," to the payment of this and other claims. The court found this property to be held in the name of True Reformers' Mercantile and Industrial Association, which declared itself separate from the Grand Fountain, Richmond, Va.

Judge Hoffman holds that, although the property title was taken in the name of the association, the association is governed and controlled by the Richmond Va., Grand Fountain; has practically the same officers and is really an integral part of the Richmond Grand Fountain and the tions being separate in name only. Therefore the Grand Fountain members would be defrauded if the property was treated separately.

The court ordered the receiver of the property to sell it if need to satisfy the claim. This suit was only one of a number of claims against the Richmond Grand Fountain, and the court's finding will practically settle the other claims.

(News Leader)

NATIONAL TABERNIANS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the close of the Ninth Triennial Grand Session of the Order of Twelve held in St. Louis last week, a twenty-foot marble shaft was unveiled in memory of the founder of the order, Rev. Moses Dickson, in the presence of nearly 5,000 people.

The following officers were elected for the next triennial: S. A. Jordan, I. C. G. M., Little Rock, Ark.; S. S. Reid, I. C. G. M., Marshall, Tex.; Jennie Jones, G. H. P., Jacksonville, Ill.; Mattie Brooks, I. V. G. P., Des Moines, Ia.; A. B. Chinn, I. G. G. S., Glasgow, Mo.; Annie M. Bowman, I. C. G. R., Louisville, Ky.; Seth Neal, I. C. G. T., Guthrie, Okla.; Ella E. Faison, I. G. M., Indianapolis, Ind.; G. E. Newhall, I. G. P. P., Montgomery, Ala.; A. A. Cosey, I. C. G. Q., Mound Bayou, Miss.; Mattie Webster, I. C. G. P., Memphis, Tenn.; Lizzie Smith, I. G. I. S., Atlanta, Ga.

The next session will be held at Chicago, 1918.

Secret Societies - 1915
THE TWENTY-SECOND TRIENNIAL GRAND COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK MASONS, A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Sessions Held in The Beautiful Roof Garden of The Odd Fellows Building, Corner Auburn Avenue And Bell Street, Atlanta, Georgia



BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK,

Most Worshipful National Grand Master of Free and Accepted York Masons of America.

side of the sea.

Tuesday, October 5th, at high noon After the usual rites of opening the Bishop J. W. Alstork, Most Worshipful National Grand Master, were performed National Grand Master, commanded, the call which ordered the assembling the Grand Masters and representatively was read. Following this, the warrant, which holds this Most Ven- States on the first day, sounded the erable body in tact, and which gov- gavel, which called to order, perhaps, erns all the States in the Union, was the most representative body of col-also read by R. J. Simmons, National Grand Secretary. This warrant is a

very excellent instrument and is held in high esteem by every Royal Craftsman.

The usual committees were appointed and they handled with dispatch all matters put into their hands.

Reports.

One of the most significant items in the reports of Grand Lodges, was the fact that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had held its one hundredth (100) Grand Lodge Communication this year and is in a healthy and prosperous condition, still exhibiting the same foresighted and statesmanlike principles found in the Van Brakle, Loperman, Hilton and others who founded the National in 1847.

All the Grand Lodges made a fine showing and great advancement numerically and financially for the past three years. But in spite of South Carolina's great numbers, the loyalty of Delaware, Texas, Oregon, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kansas and all the rest, Georgia seems to set the pace for them all, when it comes to Masonic discipline.

The report of Brother George W. Woods, of Kansas City, Mo., National Grand Lecturer, showed that he had been very active in visiting and corresponding with the various Grand Lodges.

Banners.

The National Grand Lodge Banner, containing the life size picture of Prince Hall, the first Worshipful Master of color in the United States, Boston Smith and Thomas Sanderson, his wardens, keeps up a lasting inspiration, as well as aspiration for the best among the brethren. Many of the Grand Lodge banners were in evidence at this meeting; but the most beautiful and artistically designed of them all, was the banner of the Prince Hall West Coast Grand Lodge of Oregon. It shows that the Craftsmen of this far away western State, can appreciate the cunning workmanship of a Master Mason. Rev. A. M. Mashack is Grand Master.

Public Exercises at Central Avenue

M. E. Church.

On assembling at the church, the congregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power." After devotion was completed, Dr. L. H. King, pastor of the church, with fitting remarks, presented Mr. S. S. Simmons, National Senior Warden, as Master of Ceremonies. Then the following program was rendered:

Welcome Address for the Smooth Ashler Grand Lodge of Georgia by R. J. Simmons, National Grand Secretary. Welcome Address for the State of Georgia, His Excellency, Governor N. E. Harris, by Col. C. J. Moore.

Response by Bishop J. W. Alstork, National Grand Master.

Music: "America."

Welcome Address for the Fraternities, Col. H. L. Johnson.

Response by Dr. I. L. Hardy, National Grand Joshua.

Music.

Welcome Address for the Ladies Courts of Atlanta, Mrs. May F. Simmons, Grand Court Treasurer.

Response, Miss N. A. McQueen, National Grand Matron.

Welcome Address for the Churches of Atlanta, Dr. L. H. King, Pastor Central Avenue M. E. Church.

His address, as usual, was full of thought, eloquence and scholarly deliberation.

Col. Moore, in representing the Governor, brought a very cordial statesmanlike message of welcome, and statesmanlike message of welcome, and assured the Craftsmen, for His Excellency, that they would have the protection of the strong arm of the laws of Georgia while sojourning within her borders. This address was happily received.

Col. Johnson was very happy in delivering his message for the fraternities of the city, and as Past Recorder of Deeds at Washington, brought hearty applause when he reviewed the fact that no one could question the authenticity of York Rite Masonry on any part of the globe.

The response by Bishop Alstork was delivered as no one else but him could do it,—full of wit, humor and wholesome instruction.

Dr. Hardy came in his turn with a budget well laden with historic nuggets which he handed each one in the audience, as it became one of his ability.

The two ladies on the program departed themselves with queenly dignity and ability, and received the hearty congratulations of all present.

At the close of these exercises a handsome collection was raised and handed to the pastor. But just before closing, splendid resolutions of thanks were read by the Secretary for Col. Moore and Col. Johnson for their excellent messages. Drs. King and Hardy were also included. Col. Moore was asked to tender our hearty thanks to His Excellency, the Governor, for his kindness.

National Grand Master's Address.

The Triennial Address of the N. G. M. was a very masterly document, containing over eight thousand words. It occupied the main part of an afternoon. In this address is recounted all his Masonic doings as N. G. M. for the past three years. The matter contained therein, will help furnish the Masonic History for our posterity for coming generations. These addresses are to be kept in the archives along with all the precious treasures. This address was received with great acclamation. It showed that he had traveled thousands of miles, made many important rulings, and set many wholesome examples that will guide

those who are to follow, for many years to come.

So well pleased were the brethren by this address and the splendid services rendered by the good bishop, that

with chosen words of commendation, Dr. A. R. Robinson, National Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to suspend the rules and elect him by acclamation to succeed himself. This was done by a unanimous vote. Many of the brethren expressed themselves as being highly pleased at his able

leadership, and some stated that he should hold the office of National Grand Master as long as he lived. Among the speakers were Rev. Bridges and O'Neal. On motion of Dr. L. H. King, an additional donation of \$500 per annum was voted to him.

On the following day, the brethren desiring to further express their appreciation of his services as N. G. M. purchased a beautiful cane, and after many speeches, it was presented to him by Rev. R. R. O'Neal. The bishop responded with touching remarks. We are proud of our great leader, and

know we are safe in following such a godly gentleman as Bishop Alstork.

Foreign Correspondence.

This is one of the grandest and most satisfactory features of the recent session. It settles publicly for all time, the question as to the most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of F. & A. A. Y. Masons being an International Institution. Letter from the Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, to the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, F. & A. A. Y. Masons, colored, in the United States and Provinces, in its Twentysecond Triennial Grand Communication assembled. Letters from the Proud Emperor of Germany, sending His Majesty's warmest fraternal greetings, etc., etc. Letters from His Excellency, the President of Cuba and the President of the United States.

The National Grand Lodge warmed up as in days of yore, when these letters were read by Mr. R. J. Simmons, National Grand Secretary. He has succeeded in renewing and keeping up the International relations in a very acceptable way since he has been in office. The Craftsmen and the bishop are much pleased with his services, as he makes a splendid aid to the National Grand Master in conducting the correspondence, both domestic and foreign. He is chairman of the Committee on International Correspondence. Was elected to succeed himself without opposition. He was chairman of the Committee or Entertainment for the recent session in Atlanta, and it was by his efforts that Governor Harris consented to extend welcome, by his representative He also secured Dr. King, Col. Johnson and others to speak.

This was a very harmonious and profitable session. The visitors were much pleased at the splendid colored enterprises in the city, and especially the great Odd Fellows Block.

The officers elected Bishop J. W. Alstork, Alabama, N. G. M.; Dr. A. R. Robinson, Philadelphia, National Dep-

tuy G. M.; S. S. Simmons, Georgia, N. Senior Warden; Rev. J. D. Lovejoy, Georgia National Junior Warden; Rev. A. G. Kennedy, S. C. N. Treas.; R. J. Simmons, Georgia, N. G. Secretary. Those appointed were O. B. Jones, Ohio Tyler, S. P. Holmes, Kentucky Marshall; A. W. Starns, Tennessee Swordbearer; S. Deacon, J. E. Harris, Georgia; J. Deacon, Rev. R. E. Boykins, S. C.; S. Steward, W. M. Strickland, Ga.; J. Steward, H. L. Stewart, S. C.; Pursuivant, S. A. Morris, Ga.

A splendid Board of Trustees and a competent force of Corresponding Secretaries were appointed. Prof. T. H. Pickney, of S. C., one of the corresponding secretaries, assisted the National Secretary during the session.

The Ladies Court Work.

Too much can not be said about the splendid work of the ladies. They furnish great inspiration as well as material help to the brethren.

They held their Triennial session in the Odd Fellows Building also. Their National Matron, Miss N. A. McQueen, assisted by Mesdames Valentine and Goin, of Alabama; Mitchell, Paden and Wilson, of Georgia; Starns and Davis, of Tennessee; Johnson, of South Carolina, and a countless number of others from other States, exhibited the ability of the Matrons of old. The crowning event of their session was the presenting of an elegantly constructed ark, which was the work of Bro. L. W. Paden.

Their work and election having been completed, they marched into the Roof Garden and were installed with very elaborate ceremonies by the National Grand Master. The brethren were installed by Dr. I. L. Hardy, National Grand Joshua.

All things incident to the closing having been done, this venerable and enlightened body was closed in due form to hold its next session in Louisville, Ky., the first Tuesday in October, 1918.

COLORED ODD FELLOWS

ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Athens, Ga., August 13.—(Special).—The grand lodge of the colored Odd Fellows of Georgia adjourned last night to meet next year in Macon. More than 2,000 delegates and several hundred other visitors were in attendance through three days' sessions. Officers were elected as follows: B. S. Ingram, of Macon, grand master; J. M. Pitts, deputy grand master; B. J. Davis, of Atlanta, grand secretary; T. C. Styles, grand treasurer; W. D. Johnson, grand director, and W. L. Hughes, E. J. Matthews and T. J. Pressley, grand auditors. The order has 70,000 members in 135 counties of the state, with 1,131 lodges and "households," owns 231 acres of land and has sold 350 lots at "Odd Fellows' City," has paid out in death claims in the past year \$262,000, has monthly rentals of \$1,650, monthly revenue from endowment of \$35,000, and yearly revenue from loans of \$12,600.

It was decided to establish an old folks' home in southwest Georgia. B. R. Holmes, president of the Holmes Institute, of Atlanta, delivered an address in the interest of the institute.

Columbus, Ohio

Dispatch
AUG 22 1915

COLORED KNIGHTS DECIDE TO REVOKE VIRGINIA CHARTER

Supreme Lodge Ends Long Controversy at Final Session on Saturday Night.

PLAN TEMPLE AT CHICAGO

Convention Brought to Columbus Real Luminaries of Colored Race in United States.

The Supreme Lodge, Colored Knights of Pythias, concluded its sessions in the Chamber of Commerce Saturday at midnight, after a whole day of debate and legislation.

Resolving itself into the committee of the whole, the Supreme lodge heard the charges against John Mitchell, Jr., of Virginia, and recommended that the charter of that state be revoked. The recommendation was adopted by a big majority, thus ending a controversy of long standing. This decision of the Supreme lodge, however, does not affect the litigation now pending in the courts of the District of Columbia. The case was handled by Supreme Attorney Watkins, who was aided by Wilford H. Smith of New York.

MAY ERECT TEMPLE.

The night session was taken up with reports from committees, some of which enlivened the session with a wide range of debate. It was decided to take steps towards erecting a great national temple at Chicago, and the motion to levy a tax for that purpose brought a sharp division in the Supreme lodge.

The recommendation of the supreme chancellor to erect monuments to Thomas W. Stringer and Samuel Watkins was adopted.

Resolutions thanking the newspapers of Columbus for the manner in which reports of the meetings and the campment were handled passed amid great applause, and after many speeches warmly praising the fairness

and courtesy of the newspapers had been made.

WILL GIVE ADDRESS.

Roscoe Conkling Simmons, reporter of the Supreme Grand lodge, of New York City, widely known as a leading colored orator and journalist, will give an address Sunday night in the Eleventh Street Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Simmons is in Columbus in attendance upon the Supreme Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias, of which he was one of the busiest members. His reputation as a platform speaker is not confined to his race, as he is in steady demand for important national gatherings. Special music has been arranged for the lecture.

LIGHTS OF NEGRO RACE.

A larger and more imposing array of the high lights of the colored race never met in Ohio than was brought to Columbus by the biennial meeting of the colored Pythians. Orators, statesmen, bankers, doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers and business men compose the membership of the only deliberative body among American negroes. They call themselves the "get there" contingent of the race.

The United States census declares that colored Americans pay taxes on more than \$800,000,000 worth of property. Very naturally most of this vast ownership is located in the South. Discussing the personnel of the Supreme lodge, Saturday, several of the best informed members concluded that more than \$1,000,000 as represented in that convention.

MANY ARE COLLEGE MEN.

The representatives are all educated men, some from Harvard, others from Yale, and many from the best colored seats of learning in the South. The supreme chancellor, S. W. Green, however, is from no school of established renown, although rated by well-informed men as the soundest fraternal leader in the country. In addition to his position in the Supreme lodge, he is also grand chancellor of Louisiana.

POSTPONES APPEAL OF NEGRO SHRINERS

The case of Charles Faison et al. v. Forrest Blair et al., which grew out of an injunction brought by Mr. Blair and other nobles of Yaarab temple, Order of the Mystic Shrine, against Faison and other negroes alleged to have organized an order in imitation of the Mystic Shrine, was postponed when it came Monday upon appeal before the state supreme court.

The postponement was due to the fact that two or three of the supreme court justices will find themselves disqualified to hear the case because of their membership in the Mystic Shrine or close relationship to Shriners. Governor Slaton will be asked to appoint superior court judges to sit in the place of the judges who will disqualify themselves.

The injunction was asked in Fulton superior court, but the judges of this court were disqualified and the hearing was held before Judge H. L. Patterson, of the Blue Ridge circuit, who granted the injunction.

COLORED MASONS PARADE

Celebrate Centennial of Ancient York Rite Fraternity.

The biggest celebration of its kind ever held in this State took place yesterday at the Varick Memorial Temple, Nineteenth and Catherine streets, to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Ancient York Rite Masons. The members of the Grand Lodge assembled at Nineteenth and Catherine streets for a parade, with more than 200 in line, and among the guests were about 40 members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and their Royal Arch Chapter, as well as the ladies' court, Heroines of Jericho. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Dr. J. M. Cornell, past grand master of Tennessee, who also delivered the invocation, opening the services in the evening. The visiting members were given a reception by the high officers of the Pennsylvania Lodge. The ceremonies were presided over by the grand master of Pennsylvania, H. E. Workman, of Waynesboro, Pa., who also delivered the opening address welcoming the members and the visitors.

This lodge is the oldest independent order of negro Masons in the United States, and is under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge. It was formed on September 20, 1815. Among the discussions at the celebration was that of the history of the Masons of Prince Hall. The names of all the grand masters of Pennsylvania since the formation of the lodge were read by the grand secretary, H. E. Hickey. A history of the troubles of the Pennsylvania order was delivered by Past Grand Commander Joseph Washington, of Pittsburgh.

COLORED MASONS MEETING.

Sunset Grand Lodge Opened Session in Houston.

Convening in Houston at the present time is the Sunset grand lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, a body of colored Masons, who have in attendance several of their dignitaries. The session opened Tuesday morning, August 3, at Hardy's hall, at 10 o'clock, with Rev. J. F. P. Bradley, D. D., presiding.

Following committees were appointed: Credentials, A. Lincoln, L. Austin, Dr. W. A. Allen; petitions, P. C. Hunt, D. D., T. S. Verrette, B. H. Heard; constitution and by-laws, S. M. Robinson, A. B. Robinson, Ed Monroe; grievances, J. S. McCoy, O. B. Dewitty, J. H. Lyon; grand officers' report, G. S. Ware, D. Walker, G. W. Harris.

The afternoon session was devoted to enrollment of delegates, and a school of instruction was formed, conducted by Grand Master J. F. Bradley, which proved to be profitable and pleasureable.

On the second day more delegates arrived in the city. Reports of committees were heard in the forenoon and an address

was made by Hon. George S. Walton.

Reports were given from visiting representatives at the afternoon session, followed by election of officers, as follows: Rev. J. F. P. Bradley, D. D., most worshipful grand master; Rev. J. S. McCoy, deputy grand master; W. A. Allen, M. D., grand secretary; W. J. Laws, D. D., senior warden; Prof. J. T. Ware, junior warden; G. S. Conner, M. D., grand treasurer; Rev. J. S. H. Lynn, grand chaplain; T. S. Verette, grand tiler.

Over 800 Negroes To Take Scottish Rite

More than 800 colored men will be initiated into the Scottish Rite degrees of Free Masonry by Capt. W. T. M. Grant, Sr., thirty-third degree, most puissant sovereign grand commander, who will leave this city on a trip to the Pacific coast next Tuesday. Captain Grant is to visit Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and Sacramento, Cal., at each of which places he will preside over initiations.

The distinguished colored Mason is widely known. On his trip to the International Masonic Congress held at Luxembourg, France, in 1912, he was confirmed as the second highest colored member of the fraternity in the world, with headquarters at 21 Carondelet street, this city.

He is grand master of the M. W. St. Andrew Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. (colored) of Louisiana, president of the General Grand Masonic Congress A. F. and A. M. (colored) of the United States and Canada, and president of the International Bureau of Masonic Information of the World (colored).

The itinerary of his present trip to the coast was arranged by Edward Jones, deputy inspector general for California and Oregon.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

NEGROES' HALL READY SOON

Architect and Contractor Promise Colored Societies to Complete Structure by October 1.

That Union hall, a \$16,000 structure being erected at Kent street and Aurora avenue for the negro societies of St. Paul, will be complete and ready for occupation by October 1 was the assurance given the board of directors at its meeting in the club rooms last night by J. O. Cederberg, architect, and H. M. Seby, contractor.

The date of dedication will be decided by the directors Thursday night. Charles Miller is chairman of a committee in charge of the dedication plans.

777---A STRICTLY NEGRO ORDER---333

The Knights and Daughters are Making
a Wonderful Showing Under the
Guidance of a Safe Leader.

ORDER HAS GROWN WEALTHY

Rev. Sir Frank Wilson and His Co-Workers are
Making the Order of Twelve a Great and
Grand Institution---Its a Proud Monu-
ment to Negro Thrift and Energy.

Being of a strictly Negro origin, the International Order of Twelve, Knights and Daughters of Tabor, should claim first place on our race; not because it is a colored society, but because its achievements for the betterment of the conditions of our race along all lines, stand out very conspicuously. Founded during a time when the cruel hand of slavery was oppressing our people, by that venerable man, Father Dixon, and the work of this noble organization goes to make up a part of this country's most interesting history. Since its inception the "777-333" have gone out to better the condition of the oppressed black man, and every member of our race regardless to whether he's a member, of the order, should be an admirer of it, and have a grateful heart for same, because of the great part it played in helping in the under-ground railroad during slavery and its influence for good since those dark days. It instills within its members right living, warfare on ignorance, acquiring of property and education, and at no time does it neglect to teach the race business.

We know of no organization that's doing more for the race that works along similar lines. The magnifi-

Along moral and religious lines, he is living the life that any one may emulate, and not one word of scandal or dishonesty has ever been hinted since he organized the Kansas and Nebraska Jurisdiction, but everyone has implicit confidence in him as a man, and the wonderful showing made by the order demonstrates that they made no mistake in imposing in him confidence.

He is a leader that stands for something, and owns valuable property in Topeka; his home is a good one, presided over by a good wife. These excellent people are blessed with two sweet children—a boy and a girl. He is in sympathy with his official family and all toil in the advancement of the organization. The "Judas" of the order is Sir Knight William Core, whose administration of the affairs of the office of treasurer stands above criticism. This gentleman is a man who believes in right and is not only an honor to the Taborians, but the race. Another strong man is Hon. J. H. Downs of Kansas City, Kansas, who is filling with credit the office of Taborian Home Treasurer. Such men looking after the affairs of the order are compelled to make the organization take front rank in secret society circles. He has handled the funds of his department honestly, his administration of affairs meet the approval of the membership.

Another official who is exercising the duties of his office with honesty and credit, is Sir Knight A. W. Hopkins, Chief Grand Scribe, whose home is in Leavenworth. No member has done more to bring success to the order than this good man and his official conduct meets the approval of the order, because he does his whole duty.

One of the main spokes in the wheel of Taborianism, is Daughter Emma Gaines, C. G. P., who has given the office a faithful administration of its affairs. This woman is one of our cultured women, possessing much executive ability, and as a standard-bearer, she has few equals. Daughter Gaines has worked in season and out of season to advance Taborianism and her efforts receive an appreciative accord by all. We wish all Negro women could measure up to this excellent woman. Such women go to make a strong race.

Another woman who has been in-

BESSEMER NEGRO

DOING BIG WORK

The Voice of The
J. F. THOMAS AT HEAD GRAND
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
ATTAINS WONDERFUL RECORD
IN TEN YEARS IN BUILD-
ING A GREAT BENEVOLENT
WORK FOR HIS PEOPLE.

3/21/15.
HIS DESIRE IS TO SERVE.

Started Out Penniless, Now Has In-
stitution With Nearly 400
Lodges of Much Value.

One of the most noteworthy signs of progress to be seen in the Birmingham district is the work of J. F. Thomas, a young Negro residing at Bessemer, who in less than ten years has built up a substantial following in the Grand Benevolent Association, a fraternal benefit institution operating on the lodge plan. Mr. Thomas proceeds on the theory that the Negro can best accomplish success by working together. Formerly a miner, he states that he came to Bessemer ten years ago without a penny and had to pawn his suitcase and clothing for his first week's board.

Now, under his management, the Grand Benevolent Association operating in eight states has headquarters in a handsome three-story brick building in Bessemer, at Twenty-fifth street and Dartmouth avenue, and has record of meeting its obligations that should well incite the envy of similar Negro concerns. The records show that the association has never had a lawsuit, and numbers among its members many thousands of Negroes who have been taught to save their earnings and are now in comfortable circumstances.

The G. B. A. Temple, as the building is called, is regarded by the Ne-

groes of Bessemer as headquarters for their varied activities. A large lodge hall accommodates many meetings, while a roof garden affords a place of amusement for the young people in the summer months. A restaurant and an ice cream parlor on the ground floor take up the store room space.

Whatever criticism may be leveled at the Negro for his lodge and secret order activities, the fact remains that through these channels much has been accomplished. Simply by garnering in the nickels and dimes of his people, giving them a sort of protection as insurance they would not otherwise receive, and using the surplus in substantial real estate to guarantee the payment of claims, J. F. Thomas has built up a remarkable institution, giving employment to more than a hundred young people of the race. His work was pronounced by J. O. Diffay, president of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank, as the best work he has seen by a young Negro in his life.

"The Negro in business must encourage the other Negro," said the unassuming Thomas, "and in trying to do this, we have picked out as many young men and women as we could and have given them work to do. More than that, we carry some of our money in the colored bank, and are trying to help our folks who are helping and encouraging us." The remarkable record of this organization is not the result of spasmodic efforts, but is a substantial growth, as the records in the home office will show and the grand master states that new lodges are constantly being organized. Thomas stands well in the estimation of the leading people of Bessemer, both white and colored, and is regarded by his own people as a safe leader.

The Grand Benevolent Association was organized in 1907, and since that time 358 branches or local lodges have been organized. The association has branches in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Virginia. The membership now approximates 16,000 and the headquarters in Bessemer, recently erected cost \$10,000. The work as it stands today is a monument to the founder, who does not himself realize the great work he is doing. The biggest thing about him is his modesty and the desire to be of service to his people.

INTERESTING REPORT OF NEGRO MASONS.

Advertiser Selma, Ala., Aug. 25, 1915.
Editor The Advertiser: 8-27-15

More than twenty thousand colored Masons of Alabama and their wives and widows are interested in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, which held their annual meetings last week in Selma.

The following is a report of receipts and disbursements for the year made at the Selma meetings.

As the official reporter for the Grand Lodge, I am asking you to help me circulate the information, assuring you it will do much good.

A. F. OWENS.

\$126,912.26 Received.

Selma, Ala., Aug. 25, 1915.

To The Advertiser:

Rev. A. F. Owens, of Selma University, official reporter for the Alabama Grand Lodge, (colored), A. F. and A. M., gives out the following final report on the financial status of the Grand Lodge. Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master, and the State Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, Royal Grand Matron, Janie M. Balasco, Mobile, and Rev. I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, in charge.

Reports from 585 local lodges were read, showing a membership of 16,000. Ten new lodges were added. All old officers re-elected.

Finance—Endowment.

Cash balance forwarded	\$15,254.52
Receiver from Aug. 20th, 1914	
to Aug. 20, 1915, inclusive ..	76,322.71
Collected at Selma meeting	2,008.00
Disbursed during year	78,415.45

Cash on hand at close Grand Lodge	\$15,169.78
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Grand Lodge Treasury.

Cash balance forwarded	\$ 2,643.60
Collected during the year	8,828.70
Collected at the Selma meeting	1,000
Disbursed during the year	11,210.55

Cash on hand at close Lodge ..	\$ 1,261.75
Grand total received	\$106,057.53
Grand total disbursed	89,626.00

Cash on hand in both departments	\$ 16,431.53
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Eastern Star.

Amount forwarded, endowment	\$ 3,983.77
Collected during year	14,235.46

Disbursed during the year	\$18,219.23
	15,751.30

In bank on interest	\$ 2,467.93
	1,000.00

Surplus with all claims paid	\$ 3,467.93
Grand Chapter treasury forwarded	\$ 75.75
Received during year	1,559.75

	\$1,635.50
Disbursed by A. V. Moore, treasurer	\$ 1,508.63

	\$ 126.87
Total received by both departments	20,854.73
Total received by both lodges	\$126,912.26

The report of the auditors of the Grand Lodge confirms the report I am sending out with the exception of the money received during the Selma meeting.

A. F. OWENS



S. R. JOHNSON, Director.
Dallas, Texas.

President Mayes Medicine Co. (Inc.),
Dallas, Texas.

National Grand Encampment of Tents Will Convene Here

The Twenty-third Bi-ennial Session of the R. W. N. G. Encampment of the United Order of Tents of the J. R. G. and J. U., will convene in their building, 1620—22 North Church street, Wednesday morning, October 27th, at nine o'clock. Representatives from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina will be in attendance. Many visitors are expected to attend the Encampment. On Wednesday night the memorial exercises in memory of Mrs. Annetta M. Lane will be held in St. John's A. M. E. church. Prominent speakers will take part. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Friday night the great white entertainment, supplemented with scenes from the beautiful cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy" will be rendered by a chorus of one hundred voices.

"The Malachites" Become Owners of the Washington Sun.

The Washington Sun, a clean and wholesome race journal, which has been conducted for sixteen months with marked success by Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman, is to be the official organ of the Order of Malachites, of which Lawyer L. Melendez King is the founder and Supreme Governor. The Malachites have purchased the controlling interest in the paper, but Dr. Coleman retains a large block of stock in the business and will continue to take an active part in the direction of the general policy of the institution. The tremendous growth of the business of the Hair-Vin Company, of which Dr. Coleman is the presiding genius, made it necessary for her to give it a larger share of her time and she decided to accept the very flattering offer made by Governor King of the Malachites, to take the property over. The price paid by the order represents a handsome profit to Dr. Coleman, and opening the eyes of the people of the capital as to the possibilities of a high-class race paper here. This splendid woman has richly earned the reward that has come to her. The change takes effect at once and The Sun will be issued by the new management this week. Lawyer King has arranged to continue the services of the writers of the Coleman staff, and will make important additions from time to time. The people wish the courageous Mr. King every success in his new field.

Indianapolis, Ind.

JUL 26 1915

COLORED K. OF P. IN SESSION

1,500 Delegates Expected to Attend Session at South Bend.

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 26.—More than 300 delegates of the colored Knights of Pythias of the state arrived in the city last night and today to take part in the eighteenth annual state session of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias and the eleventh annual session of the grand court, Order of Calantha, which began this afternoon and will close Thursday evening.

A number of the grand lodge officers are here, including E. P. Tidrington, grand chancellor of the state. It is expected 1,500 delegates will be here by Wednesday.

The program tonight, in charge of Charles H. Bell, master of ceremonies, includes speeches by Mayor Fred Keller, Ernest P. Tidrington, Edward Curtis, Dr. E. R. Goddard, Mrs. Cora B. Ash and Mrs. Julia Reed.

The Triennial Session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was held in St. Louis. Sir S. A. Jordan of Little Rock is the chief. Sir S. S. Reid of Texas is second in command. The session was attended by some 700 or 800 delegates, 40 of whom came from the Lone Star State. The Order showed tremendous progress notwithstanding the panic. The flag of the Immortal Twelve and the eternal memory of Father Moses Dickson goes triumphantly marching on.

The next meeting will be held in Chicago. More anon.

COLORED ORDER OF MASONS MEETS AT VARICK TEMPLE

Hold Business Session, Parade and Listen to Addresses

Declaring that his order "is the only true order of Free Masons" among the negroes and there was never any need of disageement among them, the Rev. J. M. Cornell, P. G. M., of Tennessee, in delivering the centenary address to the Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, colored, at Varick A. M. E. Zion Temple, 19th and Catharine streets, yesterday afternoon, said that this is "the oldest order of colored Free Masons in America."

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the line of Masons, Knights Templar and Heroines of Jericho in automobiles, with two bands of music, left the church and paraded up 19th street to Lombard, to Broad, to Christian, to 19th and back to the church, where the sermon was delivered. H. E. Workman, grand master of Pennsylvania, made the opening address. The morning was taken up with registration of the 20 delegates from this city, Frankford, Waynesburg and Chester, and Wilmington, Del.

The visiting heads of lodges were Grand Masters John Hollis and John Jeffries, of Wilmington and Chester, respectively; Mrs. Martha Turner, W. G. M., of Chester, and Mrs. Kaziah Green, W. G. M., of Wilmington, of the Heroines of Jericho.

In the evening there was a continuation of the centennial exercises at the church, at which W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes, delivered a short talk. The business sessions of the grand lodge will begin at 9 o'clock this morning in their hall, at Kensington and Frankford avenues.

ANNUAL STATEMENT PYTHIAN LOAN AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

The Afro America
ASSETS
Balance due on loan Pythian Temple Co.,
Second mortgage \$193.25
Balance loan, Pythian Temple Co., (Note) 4.50
Other loans secured by negotiable papers. 373.82
Association Passbooks 10.00
Cash on hand and in banks 648.07
7/20/15

LIABILITIES

Due full shareholders	\$530.69
Undivided profits	117.38
	648.07

Auditors: Wm. H. Booker, E. V. Stokes,
Clarke L. Smith

Annual stockholders meeting Friday evening, Feb. 26th, at 1138 Druid Hill avenue, 8.30 o'clock. The Association meets every Friday from 7.30 to 9 o'clock.

Wm. I. Butler, Jr., President.
Wm. E. McKinnon, Secretary.
A. O. Reid, Treasurer.
W. Ashbie Hawkins, Attorney.

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Holds

Remarkable Session

Voice of the People 8/27/15
All Grand Officers Re-Elected. Some Changes in the

Endowment Department. Voice of the People Remains Official Organ

At nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in the chapel of Selma University, Grand Master Woods sounded the gavel. In opening the 38th annual communication of the A. F. & A. M., the Grand Chaplain opened the devotional exercises by singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross", followed by an ardent prayer and the reading of a scripture lesson. The Grand Lodge was then opened properly for business with an unusually large attendance present. The presence of such a large number did not indicate any stringency of the times nor any lessening of interest in the Masonic order. Reports showed that the membership of the fraternity has held up well, several new members having been sent up and others reinstated, new members made and old ones reclaimed. It was clearly demonstrated that during the administration of Grand Master Woods, the Masonic fraternity has lost no interest, but that enthusiasm has been increased. The auditing committee composed of J. T. Gregory of Greenville, Past Grand Master Chas. H. Evans of Tuskegee Inst., Ala., and W. R. Lee of Montgomery rendered a most excellent report, among the best ever submitted to the Grand Lodge. Every member of the Masonic fraternity in this district should read their report.

The address of Grand Master Woods was regarded as a masterpiece and will be reprinted in next week's issue. It shows that he is fully capable of being a Grand Master. The Grand Lodge finances were shown to be as follows:

Brought forward from last year \$2,643.60, collected during past year \$8,828.70, making a total of \$11,472.30. and deducting same, leaving a balance of \$261.75. The

department showed that \$91,577.83, Tyler. was received and that \$78,415.43 Auditing Committee: J. T. Gre- was disbursed, leaving a balance in gory, Greenville; C. H. Evans, Tus- the Treasury of \$13,161.78, with kegee; W. R. Lee, Montgomery. warrents issued to the amount of a The Grand Lodge closed its ses- little more than \$91,000. This was sion Thursday afternoon and the verified also by the report of Sec-officers were installed, and all ready retary A. A. Peters, whose collect- for the special train that left Selma ions at the Grand Lodge amount to Friday morning. This was a recora- ment for the year \$93,191.43. body and keep a cool nd level

The report of the Grand Treasur- er, J. O. Diffay, showed receipts dur- ing the year \$123.15 including \$530.65 collected by Grand Secret- ary McDaniels at the Grand Lodge. The disbursements amounting to \$11,210.33, leaving a cash balance of \$792.60. These reports were veri- fied by the Auditing Committee. When the officers had reported, the cries were for Woods, Byrd, Curtis Phillips, McDaniels, Peters, Hudson and they were re-elected. The fol- lowing persons having made nomina- tion addresses: Grand Orator W. J. Turner, Birmingham, Grand Chaplin W. H. Mixon, Selma; Dr. E. T. Bel- saw, Mobile, Dr. Jas. A. Bray, Editor Voice of the People, Birmingham; Rev. L. R. Day, Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Robert L. Mabry, Prof. C. L. Mc Williams, Rev. P. W. White, Thos. W. Tobin, Jr., and others.

The re-elective officers were as follows: Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master. Jas. A. Byrd, Birmingham Deputy Grand Master, J. R. Curtis, Dothan Senior Grand Warden. J. P. Phillips, Pike Road, Junior Grand Warden, J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Grand Treasur- er, C. N. McDaniels Hartselle, Grand Secretary, R. B. Hudson, Selma Treasurer Endowment Department, A. A. Peters, Grand Secretary En- dowment Department. The ap- pointive officers were as follows:

Rev. W. H. Mixon, Selma, J. L. Gar- rett, Grand Lecturer Northern Divi- sion, E. G. Humphrey, Grand Lect- urer Eastern Division, J. W. Powell, Grand Lecturer, Western Division; Rev. W. J. Turner, Orator, D. T. West, Marshall, Frank Hill, Stand- ard Bearer, Henry Robert, Sword Bearer; J. H. Carter, Senior Decon; W. J. McWilliams, Junior Decon; J. D. Kennedy, Senior Steward; J. D. Staples, Pursivient; C. C. Todd, Deputy Potentate McKoin called

the session to order, after which the imperial high priest and prophet. Noble J. W. Barnes, of Virginia, conducted the opening devotional services. Roll call show- ed that more than 500 nobles, representing 88 temples were in attendance.

It was hoped to have Mayor John Purroy Mitchel deliver the address of welcome, but looking up the blistering sands of Broadway from the City Hall toward the Mosque, he got into touch with former Collector of Internal Revenue Charles W. Anderson, and the latter put on asbestos clothing and asbestos-covered shoes and came through the hot sands of Harlem's desert to greet the various cara- vans. His fervent and eloquent welcome caused the nobles to sit up and exclaim "Allah, be praised!"

Noble Jacob H. Wright, of Rich- mond, Va., delivered the response. The Daughters of Isis the, female auxiliary, were present at the wel- coming services.

The Shriners and the Daughters of Isis were the guests of Medina Temple at a big reception at Man- hattan Casine Tuesday night.

Reports of the various imperial officers occupied the attention of the imperial council Wednesday. The Mystic Shriners, tired of trudg- ing through the hot sands of the desert, embarked on an excursion steamer Thursday and took in the sights around New York harbor.

The session came to an end this afternoon with the installation of the newly-elected officers.

J. Edw. Smith, Charles R. Smith, Oscar Mason and J. H. Murphy, Jr., are among the Baltimoreans present.

A BLOW AT
The Colored Masonics
12315 -

Judge Patterson Issues Interlocu- tory Decree Restraining Colored Shriners in Atlanta

WILL GO TO HIGHEST COURT

NEW YORK THE SHRINERS' MECCA

Nearly Five Hundred Nobles at Seventeenth Annual Session of the Imperial Council A.E.A.O., N.M.S.

New York, August 6.—The oasis of Manhattan was the mecca for Mystic Shriners from all parts of the country this week the attrac- tion being the seventeenth annual session of the Imperial Council Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The sessions opened Tuesday at the Mosque (Lafayette Hall) right in the heart of that big oasis called Harlem. The caravans crossed the hot sands from various sections of the country and they immediately watered their camels and went to the office of the committee for the local entertainment of the traveled- stained devotees of customs in the East. There they signed up and told from what part of the world they hailed.

Looking somewhat like the sands had been very hot of the place from whence he came, the retiring im- perial potentate, Noble John H. Murphy, of Baltimore, was noticed around the Mosque. There were none more cordially greeted than he and all wished that his now more than three score and ten years of life may be doubled so that all Shriners may travel the hot sands of life along amicable and united lines.

Deputy Potentate McKoin called

Colored Shriners Preparing to go United States Supreme Court If Necessary

Atlanta, Ga., January 22.—According to an interlocutory decree handed down Monday by Judge H. L. Patterson, in the Superior Court of Fulton county, Charles A. Faison and several other members of Rabban Temple of the Mystic Shrine will be temporarily restrained from using the name of Mystic Shrine and the grips, pins, signs, regalia, etc., peculiar thereto.

The injunction proceedings were filed by Potentate Forrest Adair and other members of Yaarab Temple of white Shriners. The white Mystic Shriners first sought to enjoin Rabban Temple last August, but Judge Bell, before whom the case was heard, threw their case out on the ground that no adequate cause for a restraining order had been shown. Yaarab Temple again filed injunction proceedings on December 6, and Judge H. L. Patterson, of the Blue Ridge Circuit, heard the case as all of the judges in Fulton county had disqualified themselves on the ground they were either Mystic Shriners or related to those who are.

The attorneys for the defense, George Gordon, who represented Rabban Temple, and Warner T. McGuinn of Baltimore, who was retained by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, demurred to the proceedings on the ground that as Yaarab Temple was unincorporated, voluntary, fraternal body that it could not enter suit. Other objections were also made.

Judge Patterson sustained the first part of the demurrer, but gave the complaining body the privilege of amending its petition so as to sue as individual members. The defendant was not given the privilege of amending its demurrer, however.

The decision rendered Monday, purports to restrain Charles A. Faison, potentate, and other members of Rabban Temple from using the name of The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and from using titles and name of officers of the petitioners and from using the words Nobles, "Shriners" and "Shrine, and from using the

cresecent, scimitar and others specified as emblems and insignia of Yaarab Temple." In other words, the order by a stretch of judicial imagination, purports to allow Yaarab Temple, an unincorporated body, through certain individual members, its contention against Rabban Temple, which was chartered by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, an incorporated body, was organized in Washington. As the amended petition of the plaintiffs only specified certain individuals connected with Rabban Temple, it is regarded by some as only binding upon those specifically named.

An appeal has been noted in the State Supreme Court by Rabban Temple and its parent organization.

A bill of supersedeas has been filed and bond given, thus allowing the highest court in Georgia decide whether or not to make the injunction permanent.

It is believed that the Supreme Court of Georgia, if it decides the case on the law points involved, will decree that Rabban Temple has a right to continue as heretofore.

Previous court decisions have been that colored Masonic bodies legally exist.

The daily press reports of the decision gave many the false impression that colored Shriners had been put out of business in Georgia which is not a fact. The National Compact, a body of so-called Negro Masons, it is claimed, aided the whites in trying to strike down the colored Shriners, who exist regularly and lawfully.

**PYTHIAN KNIGHT'S
EFFICIENT WORK**

**Steps In S. W. Green's Career
to Official Position.**

MAGNIFICENT HALL ERECTED

The Advocate
Costly Structure In New Orleans Is
the Result of Mr. Green's Untiring
Efforts and Able Financiering—Ex-

cellent Condition of the Louisiana
Grand Lodge.

New Orleans.—The Pythian temple, the largest building in this section of the country owned by the race, is the brain work of one of the most unique characters among us, S. W. Green, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. The supreme session of the order will be held in Columbus, O., next August.

S. W. Green became a member of the order of Knights of Pythias July 17, 1883, when the order was in its infancy, being a charter member of Pride of Tensas lodge No. 21, St. Joseph, La. He was elected to the station of V. C. of the lodge, but served as C. C. from the time the lodge was organized until June 30, 1886; was the grand representative from his lodge, and immediately upon entering the grand lodge his ability to handle finances commenced to show itself, and in May, 1884, he was elected to the position of G. M. F. and served for one year.

In April, 1886, Mr. Green was elected to the position of G. K. of R. and S., and served in that station until 1891, at which time he was renominated for the position, but declined renomination. He was elected to the position of G. C., and upon assuming that station, he found the finances of the grand lodge in an insolvent condition. The general fund had no assets, while its liabilities amounted to \$105.62. The endowment fund showed the amount of assets to be \$196.40, while its liabilities showed death claims due and unpaid, aggregating \$3,424.25. The membership at that time was only 879.

Year by year he has schemed and persevered toward placing Louisiana upon a solid foundation, financially, and his people, ever ready to aid him in carrying out the plans that he had under way, re-elected him to the position of G. C. by acclamation, and since the date of his first election he has been unanimously re-elected to that position every year. He found that it was necessary to increase the endowment dues if the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana was to be resurrected, and accordingly he recommended that instead of the members paying 25 cents per month endowment tax, that it be increased to 50 cents per month for six months of the year and 25 cents for the other six months.

That recommendation was adopted and became a part of the laws of the grand lodge, with the result that a sufficient sum was soon accumulated to pay off all outstanding claims for endowment, and when the grand lodge met in April, 1902, it was entirely out of debt, with a small surplus on hand to the credit of the endowment de-

partment. The grand lodge was then paying an endowment of \$300 ninety days after a claim was filed. In April, 1905, the grand chancellor recommended that the endowment policies be raised to \$500, payable on the graded system, and that the assessment be 50 cents per month, the claims to be paid within thirty days after they were filed.

In 1906 the surplus in the endowment fund had reached such a large sum and was growing all the time that the question arose, "What shall we do with this money?" It was then necessary for S. W. Green to study out a way of investing it. Accordingly, in 1906, at the grand lodge session in Alexandria, La., he recommended that the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana erect a Pythian temple, and an appropriation of \$12,000 was made by the grand lodge for the purchase of a site for the same. This appropriation was found to be insufficient to purchase a site in the desired locality, and an additional \$3,000 was therefore appropriated, which resulted in the purchase of a desirable site in this city to be used at a later date for a Pythian temple.

The original appropriation for the temple was only \$60,000; but, realizing that a \$60,000 building in a city like New Orleans would not serve the purpose for which it was intended, Mr. Green allied his forces and carried them to the grand lodge, which convened in this city in 1908, and by such alliance the grand lodge approved his action in reference to building a magnificent structure, which is now completed and cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Thus we see that from the crippled condition of affairs when assuming control of the office we find that the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana has 181 lodges in the state with a membership of 9,000 and with the total resources of \$123,354.07 as an endowment fund.

Mr. Green attended the supreme lodge session in August, 1893, as supreme representative for the state of Louisiana and has attended every supreme lodge session as a representative since. At the supreme lodge session held in Pittsburgh in 1905 he was elected to the position of supreme vice chancellor and ex officio supreme worthy counselor. At the supreme lodge session in Louisville, Ky., in 1907 he was re-elected to the position, which he held until April 3, 1908, when he assumed the duties of supreme chancellor, caused by the death of the late S. W. Starks.



S. W. GREEN.

Philadelphia Record

30 May 1915

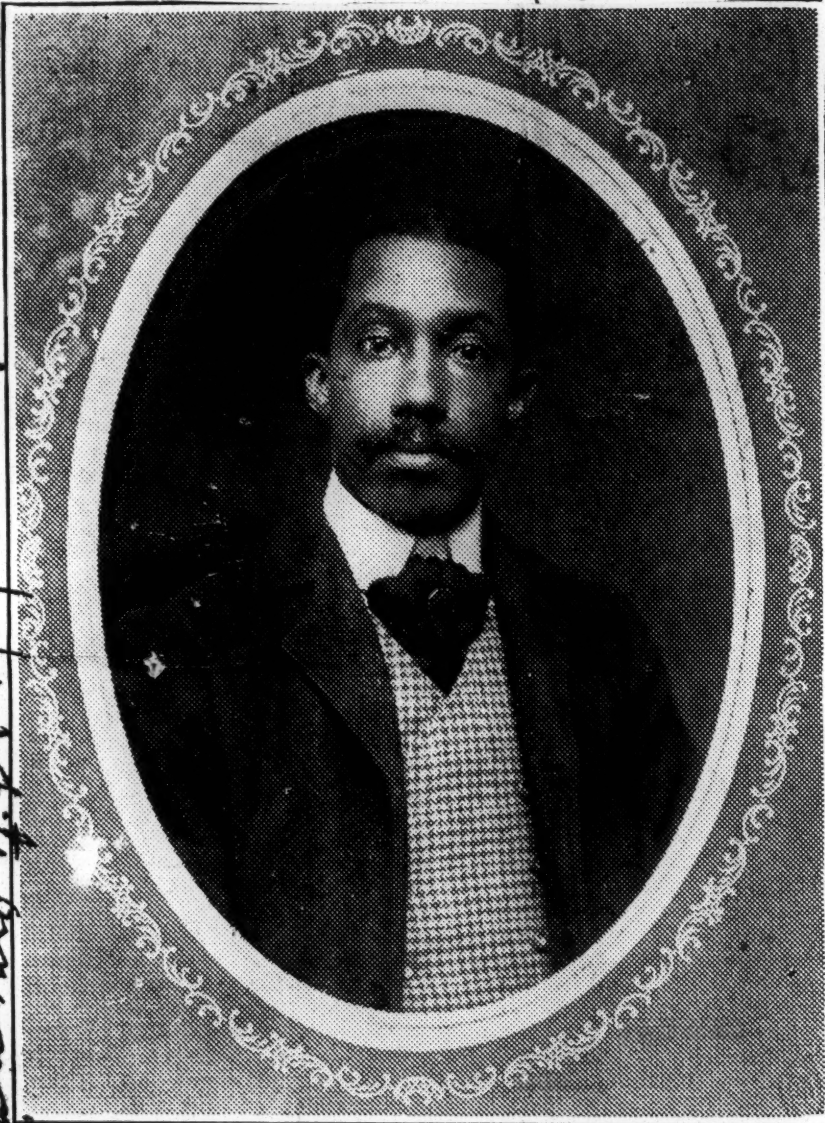
COLORED MASONS CELEBRATE

Centennial of Founding of Order to
Be Observed in September.

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding in this State of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the World will be celebrated on September 23 and 24, in Musical Fund Hall, Locust street, below Ninth. Every State in the Union is expected to be represented, and about 25,000 members of the order and its feminine auxiliaries, the Heroines of Jericho and the Order of the Eastern Star, will attend from various parts of this State. The street procession, which will take place on the second day at noon, will probably be the greatest colored parade the city has ever witnessed, as the full strength of the convention will be in line.

Among the representatives from eight States who have been in session as a committee of arrangements at the local headquarters, No. 409 South Eleventh street, are the following: Chairman, Peter A. Robinson, of Philadelphia; Most Worshipful Grand Master, John P. Scott, of Pittsburgh; William A. Tribbett, of New Haven; William H. Ricks, of Washington, D. C.; L. B. Smith, of Camden; Sister Mattie B. Smith, Most Venerable Grand Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, and Sister Prudence Penn, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. A competitive drill for a first prize of \$300, a second prize of \$100 and third of \$50 will be held after the parade among the uniformed commanderies.

Approved by the District Deputy Grand Master



DR. N. T. PANNELL,
President of the International Liberty Union.

A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

The International Liberty Union of the World—Some of the Reasons Why You Should Join.

Washington has recently been honored with one of the best fraternal organizations backed by the North American Insurance Company. Rosetta Camp, No. 1082, of the International Liberty Union, has been organized to do business in this city and the District of Columbia under the direction of the supreme council at Covington, Ky.

This organization has 14 colored officers here and about 400 members. Mrs. R. L. Pannell, the District deputy register and treasurer, is the supreme council's representative of this city. Mrs. Pannell has always been a great worker here among the colored people of all classes. She carries through the work of her office, and instructs many officers and I. L. U. members daily in the working of this fraternity. At the camp headquarters at 1030 Lamont street northwest, Washington, D. C., the camp doors are always open to its members and visitors.

This organization is recognized by all races of people. Its work is to tear down race prejudices and to promote union and fraternity in all men. The following list of officers are now connected with Rosetta Camp No. 1082, of the District of Columbia. These officers were chosen from some of the best representative people of this city: Dr. N. T. Pannell, president; M. H. Hill, first vice president; Mrs. A. L. Murray, second vice president; W. G. Hamilton, secretary; N. B. Preston, assistant secretary; Thos. G. Callaway, judge advocate; G. G. Butcher, adjutant general; R. Wallace, inspector; W. H. Brown, chaplain; Geo. J. Dawson, historian and bugler; R. D. Miller, regent; Lloyd Wilkins, quarter-master; Norman H. Hedgeman, commissary.

The doors of this camp are open to all persons of good moral character above the age of eighteen years. For further information and full particulars write Deputy R. L. Pannell, 1030 Lamont street northwest, Washington, D. C.

FIFTY REASONS

Why I Should Join the I-L-U—Read members when in strange places. Them—Study Them—Count Them.

Fraternity and Protection.

- Because—
1. It is my foremost duty to myself and loved ones.
 2. It will teach me the true spirit of Fraternity and Brotherhood.
 3. It will help me to always DO BETTER—to strive for advancement.
 4. It will make me a leader in my community.
 5. It will raise me UP HIGHER in the estimation of my neighbors.
 6. It will make me BETTER OFF—morally, physically, and financially.
 7. It deserves my RESPECT and SUPPORT.
 8. I believe that "From Union Comes Strength."
 9. It gives EQUAL RIGHTS to all members.
 10. It will accept me whether I am rich or poor.
 11. It makes no difference what my religion or nationality are.
 12. It will help me in BUSINESS and in SOCIAL matters.
 13. It will stick to me in ADVERSITY and PROSPERITY.
 14. It will teach me to live so I may become a BETTER CITIZEN.
 15. I believe that Fraternity is a vital field of human need.

Strength and Stability.

- Because—
16. It is a great and strong Fraternal Order.
 17. It has served its members faithfully for over 13 years.
 18. It has many thousands of members co-operating together.
 19. It is growing STRONGER and LARGER daily.
 20. It is endorsed by leading banks, state, and city officials.
 21. It is endorsed by its many thousands of satisfied members.
 22. It is PROGRESSIVE in every respect.
 23. It is a noble Order, run on a strictly sound business basis.
 24. Its officers are men of high standing and integrity.
 25. Its aims are HIGH and its teachings morally perfect.
 26. It is not a political organization.
 27. It stands for JUSTICE and FAIRNESS in all forms.
 28. It is a Fraternal Society founded on most modern plans.
 29. It is organized and conducted strictly in accordance with its Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations.
 30. It is a mutual Society, "One for All and All for One."
- Social and Educational Advancement**
- Because—
31. It has grand, sublime, and instructive ritualistic degrees.
 32. There is nothing in the secret work that is offensive to any man's religion.
 33. I will meet brother members EVERYWHERE when traveling.
 34. I will receive the grips, passwords and signs of the Order.
 35. I will be entertained by brother

36. I can take ACTIVE PART in all celebrations.
 37. There are I-L-U members in every State in the Union and in many foreign countries.
 38. It will help me to FIND WORK when out of employment.
 39. It will furnish me with counsel and legal aid in case of legal troubles.
 40. It will give me a FREE SUBSCRIPTION to the Union Journal.
- All Promises Promptly Fulfilled**
- Because—
41. It admits only healthy men and women between the ages of 18 and 60 years.
 42. It will ALWAYS charge the same rate of dues.
 43. It will NEVER ask me to pay extra assessments.
 44. I can INCREASE or DECREASE the size of my membership if I wish at any time.
 45. I can pay dues yearly, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly.
 46. It will not require me to take a medical examination.
 47. I can belong to Camp No. 1 until a local Camp is organized.
 48. It will be easy for me to pay the small dues required.
 49. It will put to good use money which would otherwise be wasted.
 50. IT IS POSITIVELY THE BEST SOCIETY FOR ME.

Motto—"One for all and all for one."

Join now—While you are alive and this great membership provides the MOST Protection for the LEAST Cost.



HON. W. G. CRITCHLOW
Supreme Commander General
The International Liberty Union of the World
Covington, Ky., U. S. A.

GRAND LODGE MASONS, JURISDICTION OF ALABAMA.

900 Lodges Represented; 900 Delegates in Attendance.

The 38th Annual Session of Alabama Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. closed Aug. 20, 1915, at Selma. Indeed this was an interesting session. The reports broke all previous records.

(Endowment Department.)

Financial Status of the Order.

The Report of R. B. Hudson, Treasurer of the Endowment Department showed an income of \$91,577.23 and that \$78,415.45 was disbursed, leaving a balance of \$13,161.78. An additional sum of \$1,614.20 collected during this session making a balance of cash in Endowment Treasury of \$14,775.98.

The receipts of the department amounted to \$2238 in excess of last year according to statement of Treasurer Hudson.

Grand Lodge Department.

The Report of J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, showed receipts during the year \$12,003.15, including \$530.85 collected during present session. Disbursed during the year \$11,210.55, leaving cash balance of \$792.60.

These reports were verified by the Auditing Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to elect by acclamation Walter Thomas Woods of Mobile, Grand Master. The election of other officers followed:

James A. Byrd, D. G. M.; Birmingham; Joseph P. Phillips, Junior Grand Warden, Pike Road; J. R. Curtis, Senior Grand Warden, Dothan; J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, Birmingham; C. N. McDaniels, Grand Secretary, Hartselle; R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer, Selma; A. A. Peters, Endowment Secretary, Grand.

Grand Lecturers: E. G. Humphrey, G. L., Eastern Division; J. W. Powell, G. L., Western Division; John L. Garrett, G. L., Northern Division.

Auditing Committee—J. T. Gregory, Chairman, 1916, Greenville; C. H. Evans, 1917, Tuskegee Institute; W. R. Lee, Secretary, 1918, Montgomery.

Following the election of each officer were congratulations and hand-shaking.

The following in attendance Grand Lodges: H. A. Loveless, W. J. Lawrence, W. H. Ward, S. C. Sheppard, C. C. Evans, W. H. Taylor, H. S. Chadwick, Frank C. Hill, I. A. Young, M. N. White and C. C. Todd.

The following ladies of Montgomery attended the Grand Chapter O. E. S. last week in Selma: Mrs. M. J. Moore, W. J. Reynolds, M. L. Streety, W. J. Lawrence, Lady Baker, W. S. Ballard, Alice Hawkins, Novella Thomas, Emma Armstead, M. J. Gorham, Helina Mary Williams, Janie Thurman. Mrs. M. J. Moore was re-elected R. G. T. without opposition.

Collected by J. H. Hill

The next session will be held in this city third Tuesday in August, 1916.
W. R. LEE, Reporter.



MADAM R. L. PANNELL,
District Deputy of the International
Liberty Union.



ALABAMA MASONS MAKE FINAL
REPORTS.

\$126,912.26 Collected by Both State
Lodges—Eastern Star Makes Re-
markable Report.

Special to The Freeman:

SELMA, Ala., Aug. 23, 1915.—The thirty-eighth communication of the Alabama Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Savings Bank; James A. Bray, Birmingham, Grand Master, and the twentieth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, Royal Grand Matron, Janie M. Balsco of Mobile, and Royal Grand Patron Rev. J. H. Rose in charge, closed Thursday night the most successful year in the history of the organization. Reports were read from 585 local lodges representing a membership of 16,000.

The latest official report of the financial conditions of the two bodies of Masons and their wives and widows was placed in the hands of the official reporter, Rev. A. F. Owens, today

which reveals the following:

THE GRAND LODGE.

Received by the Endowment
Treasurer, J. B. Hud-
son ----- \$ 93,585.23
Disbursed by the Endowment
Treasurer ----- 78,415.41

Balance on hand at close of
Grand Lodge ----- \$15,169.78

The actual receipts were \$2,000 in excess of 1914. \$2,008 was collected at the Selma meeting just closed by Secretary A. A. Peters.

Received by the Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay during the year ending at Phillips, G. J. W., Pike Road; C. N. McDaniels, G. S., Hartselle; J. O. Diffay, G. T., Birmingham; R. B. Hudson, G. E. T., Selma; A. A. Peters, G. E. S., Girard. Disbursed \$11,210.55.

Total amount collected by both departments \$106,057.53. This is considered the best financial showing of any previous year.

GRAND CHAPTER EASTERN STAR.
The Endowment Treasurer Mrs. A. E. Douglass, made the following report: Received during the year ----- \$14,235.46
Amount brought forward ----- 3,983.77

Total received ----- \$18,219.23
Disbursed during the year ----- 15,751.30

In bank on interest ----- \$ 2,467.92
----- 1,000.00

To balance ----- \$ 3,467.92

Received by Grand Secretary
Mrs. L. R. Burwell during
the year ----- \$ 1,559.75
Brought forward ----- 75.75

Grand total received by Eastern Star, \$20,854.73. Total received by both grand lodges, \$156,912.26. Among donations made by grand lodge was \$50.00 for Selma University where the meetings were held. All the elective and appointive officers were retained for the ensuing year.

Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge thanking Dr. Stakely of Montgomery for opposing the Bonner bill prohibiting white teachers from Negro schools and endorsed the editorials in the Montgomery Advertiser and other papers on the same subject.

The Southern Railroad was thanked for deciding to place colored porters on its lines. Also thanking the Louisville & Nashville Railroad for special coaches for delegates to the Grand Lodge.

A strong report on Education was read by H. C. Benford of Huntsville endorsing the movement to reduce illiteracy in Alabama, calling upon each member of the Grand Lodge to teach at least one colored person to read and write. The report was adopted without opposition. The grand master, in his annual address, recommended the same. Grand Master Woods recommended also that any colored Masons convicted of "boot-legging" should be suspended from the order.

After the officers were installed by Past Grand Master James T. Gregory of Greenville the Grand Lodge adjourned to hold its 39th annual meeting in 1916 in Montgomery.

Among the leading Negroes attending the Grand Lodge, were: Dr. E. T. Belsaw, Mobile; J. O. Diffay, Birmingham; Professor H. C. Benford, principal of the Huntsville high school; Jeremiah Barnes, of Tuscaloosa, the oldest Negro Mason in the state; C. N. McDaniels, Hartselle; James T. Gregory, Greenville; Prof. C. L. McWilliams, Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma; Dr. L. L. Burwell, Selma; Dr. P. W. White, Georgiana; E. W. Stone, Selma; Rev. A. F. Owens, Selma University; Rev. W. H. Mixon, Selma, and others. The Grand Chapter Eastern Star re-elected all the old officers with only one change—Mrs. Dr. Burwell, of Selma,

grand secretary, in place of former Secretary Hassen.

Grand Matron J. M. Balasco of Mobile stated that 500 women attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter. She reported also that her order had the best meeting in its history. They will meet next year with the Grand Lodge in Montgomery. The Grand Chapter made donations to Payne University and to several poor widows.

The following are the elective officers: Walter T. Woods, G. M., Mobile; James A. Byrd, D. G. M., Birmingham; J. H. Curtis, G. S. W., Dothan; Joseph Phillips, G. J. W., Pike Road; C. N. McDaniels, G. S., Hartselle; J. O. Diffay, G. T., Birmingham; R. B. Hudson, G. E. T., Selma; A. A. Peters, G. E. S., Girard.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY NEGRO MASONS

Second Day's Session of
Grand Lodge Proves an

Exciting One

Advertised 20-15

Special to The Advertiser.

SELMA, ALA., Aug. 19.—The second day of the session of the Grand Lodge of Negro Masons was characterized in the Grand Lodge by much anxiety, many surprises, and musical oratory. Added to this were probably some disappointments. It may be true that there were some "broken slates." This is true however; no one "lost his head." Least of all did the level-headed Grand Master show perturbation or partiality. He controlled himself and for that reason he found it easy to control others. He had no "pets," recognized no cliques, counted no tricks, if there were any. He was respected and implicitly obeyed when the gavel fell.

When he delivered his annual address, it was expected that the Grand Master would show some partiality to those in his cabinet. He did not. He struck straight from the shoulder, and demanded uncompromisingly that those who handle the people's money must come straight, or look through iron bars.

When Grand Chaplain Mixon opened devotional services, he seemed to sniff the strenuous conflict, for he told the thousand Masons of strong lungs to make the welkin ring with, "Am I a soldier of the cross," and the welkin did ring as the Masons sang. Then the chaplain, always eloquent in prayer or preaching, prayed that the dove of peace might hover over the Grand Lodge during the day.

The Grand Master called for the minutes of the first day, which were read by Assistant Secretary W. R. Lee, and then were read the annual reports of Grand Secretary C. N. McDaniels, Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay, A. A. Peters, Secretary of the Endowment Department, and Grand Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson, and the Auditing Committee, composed of James T. Gregory of Greenville, Charles H. Evans of Tuskegee Institute, and W. R. Lee, of Montgomery. The reports were gratifying, and

in many respects surprising to the Grand Lodge.

The report of R. B. Hudson, Treasurer of the Endowment Fund, showed that \$91,577.23 was received, and that \$78,415.45 was disbursed, leaving a balance of \$13,161.78 in the treasury. To this amount \$1,614.20 collected during the present session by Secretary A. A. Peters, making a balance of cash in the Endowment Treasury, \$14,775.98. This brings the total receipts of the Endowment Department to \$93,191.43, for the year ending the close Thursday. Including the amount collected during the present session the receipts for the department amounted to \$2,238 in excess of last year, according to statement of Treasurer Hudson.

The report of Grand Treasurer, J. O. Diffay showed receipts during the year \$12,003.15, including \$530.85 collected by Grand Secretary McDaniels during the present session. The disbursements amounted to \$11,210.55, leaving cash balance of \$792.60. These reports had been verified by the auditing committee. The splendid showing made the Grand Lodge feel good, and prepared to enter into the election of officers.

Amid the cries for "Wood," "Byrd," "Curtis," "Phillips," "Diffay," "McDaniel," "Peters," "Hudson," the incumbent grand officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to elect by acclamation:

Walter Thomas Wood, Mobile, Grand Master; James A. Byrd, Birmingham, Deputy Grand Master; Joseph P. Phillips, Pike Road, Junior Grand Warden; J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Grand Treasurer; C. N. McDaniels, Hartselle, Grand Secretary; R. B. Hudson, Selma, Grand Treasurer of Endowment; A. A. Peters, Girard, Secretary of the Endowment.

Following the election of each officer were congratulations and hand shaking.

The nominating addresses were delivered by Grand Orator, W. J. Turner of Birmingham; Rev. W. H. Mixon, D. D., Grand Chaplain, Selma; E. T. Belsaw, M. D., Mobile; Dr. Jas. A. Bray, Editor Voice of the People, Birmingham; Rev. L. R. Day, Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Robert L. Mabry, Prof. C. L. McWilliams, Rev. P. W. White, D. D., Thomas W. Tobin, Jr., W. J. E. Pickett, and others.

Impressive services appropriate to the "Lodge of Sorrows" were observed at 8 o'clock p. m. in Brown Chapel A. M. E. Church, Rev. J. F. Walker D. D., pastor.

Deputy Grand Master Byrd presided. The church was crowded with members of the Grand Lodge, the State Grand Chapter Eastern Star and many citizens.

Eulogistic remarks on the lives of deceased officers were made by Dr.

TENTS BRING GOOD REPORTS

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Session of National Grand

Encampment

The 23rd Bi-ennial session of the R. W. N. G. E. of the U. O. of Tents convened in this city October 27, 28 and 29 in the United Order of Tents building, North Church street. The R. W. N. G. Senior Matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Harrison, of Philadelphia, Pa., presided. The Encampment was superintended by Mrs. H. A. Purnsley and Mrs. Lydia Thomas of the Northern District, Mrs. G. A. Queene of the Eastern District and Mrs. S. L. Bonney and Mrs. M. C. Steward of the Southern District. The reports were read from these districts and were loudly applauded, as each district showed that it had done its best. The various committees were appointed, the program for the week announced, the hour of opening and closing fixed, then the Encampment suspended business to listen to the address of welcome delivered by Mrs. C. C. Smith of Beulah Tent number 60, Norfolk, Va. This splendid address thrilled the entire delegation with delight, and applause after applause was given her; a rising vote of thanks was unanimously given.

The Encampment then resumed its business. The Southern District was readily acknowledged to be the banner district. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: R. W. N. G. S. M. Mrs. Cordelia A. Gilpin, Richmond, Va., R. W. N. G. D. M. Mrs. Annie J. Valentine, Chester, Pa., R. W. N. G. J. M. Mrs. Annie Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y., R. W. N. G. M. of C. Mrs. Charity Jones, New York City, R. W. N. G. Treasurer Mrs. Olivia Q. Benson, Newark, N. J., R. W. N. G. Secretary, Adaline M. Ward, Norfolk, Va., R. W. N. G. Con. Mrs. Cornelia A. Brooks, Norfolk, Va., R. W. N. G. M. of W. Mrs. Ida Brooks, Bryn Marr, Pa., R. W. N. G. Tyleress, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa., R. W. N. G. Oratress, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Richmond, Va.

The next session of the Encampment will be held in West Chester, Pa., 1917. An invitation was received from New Haven, Conn., but West Chester, Pa., was selected.

Secret Societies-1915

NEW \$150,000 COLORED PYTHIAN TEMPLE

WILL BE DEDICATED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Dedicatory exercises will be held at the new colored Pythian Temple, on Center to Walnut, to Eighteenth, Tenth and Chestnut streets, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The principal address will be delivered by Roscoe Cinkling Simmons, who arrived in this city to-day. Gen. R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, Brigadier General of the Uniform Rank, Colored Knights of Pythias, will be grand marshal of a parade, which will form at Center street and Broadway at 7 o'clock to-morrow night and will march north on Center to Walnut, to Eighteenth, Tenth and Chestnut streets, at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The temple.

Including the grounds and the equipment the temple represents an investment of \$150,000. The building is constructed of re-enforced concrete brick and stone. It is absolutely fire proof and fitted throughout with all modern conveniences. It is eight stories high, has five business stores three of which already have been

rented; a theater, with foyer and balcony entrance and exits, already leased kitchen, dining room, pool room safety vault, a barber shop, with private baths; twelve office rooms, all of which have been taken; forty-six dormitory rooms, committee rooms and a large assembly hall, 40 by 97 feet in dimensions, and last, but not least, a roof garden. The building is owned by the stockholders of the Pythian Mutual Industrial Association and will be managed by a board of eleven directors composed of the following: President, H. F. Jones, vice president, J. H. Garvin; secretary F. C. Dillon;

treasurer, J. A. C. Lattimore; attorney, W. H. Wright; J. L. V. Washington, the Rev. J. M. Mundy, S. H. George, B. E. Smith, French Thompson and W. W. Wilson.

TRUE REFORMERS ARE PROGRESSIVE

Rev. S. S. Morris Elected President By Acclamation At Recent Annual Session

(Special to Journal and Guide).

Richmond, Va., September 9.—The 35th Annual Session of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers, which was held in the City of Richmond from September 14th—16th is considered to have been the best Annual Session held by the Order since its organization 35 years ago.

The delegates were above the average on point of intelligence and seemed to have made a careful study of the condition of the Order and its needs and therefore, came to Richmond fully prepared to legislate for the best interests of the organization. During the three days, six legislative sessions were held.

The Board of Directors met on September 11th and 13th preceding the Annual Session, holding four business sessions. After the Annual Session had completed its work and adjourned, the new Board of Directors met on the 17th holding one lengthy session, making five sessions held by the Board of Directors.

The meeting of the Board of Directors and Annual Session occupied six full days, and the work done by the two bodies it is believed will do more to rebuild the Order in general membership and financial strength than anything which has been done since 1910.

The constitution was wisely amended in some respects and is to be further amended by the Executive Committee associated with a special committee on revision. The membership dues have been reduced to 55 cents per month.

The Home Office of the order has been renovated and puts on a fine appearance, making the True Re-

formers Hall on North 2nd street a center of attraction.

When the legislative work had been completed on Thursday the convention proceeded to elect its Grand Officers for a term of one year. Rev. S. S. Morris, B. D., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city, who had been acting Grand Worthy Master for nine months, was elected president of the Order by acclamation, prolonged cheering of applause and followed this vote by the waving of handkerchiefs and hats.

Mr. A. D. D. Purnell, chief of Philadelphia Division was then re-elected, Grand Worthy Vice Master.

Mr. Maurice Rouselle was re-elected Grand Worthy Secretary and Dr. W. H. Smith re-elected Grand Worthy Treasurer.

The new Board of Directors was then elected consisting of the former Board with three additions, namely: Mrs. S. J. Winters of Providence, R. I., who is chief of that division, Rev. A. S. Thomas, D. D., pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, Richmond and Dr. T. T. Traynham of Roanoke, Va. The Board consists of 12 members.

Mr. James W. Poe of Washington, D. C., was re-elected Editor and Manager of "The Reformer", official organ of the Order.

The holding of the next Annual Session in some city other than Richmond was debated at length, but on a vote the convention decided that the next Annual Session should be held again in the city of Richmond.

The convention consisted of 190 delegates, the Grand Officers, Chiefs, State Deputies and other ex-officio members raised the membership of the convention to 241.

The outlook of the Order is bright and True Reformers generally are encouraged and the work of the order will be constantly pushed until this Negro organization again takes its place in the front rank of colored fraternal institutions.

REPORT OF K. OF P. NATIONAL

THE SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF NORTH AMERICA, SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, ASIA, AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA CLOSED ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SESSIONS KNOWN TO THE HISTORY OF THE ORDER IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, AUG. 15 TO 21, 1915.

By Lieut. Col. S. M. Augustine of Cambridge, Mass.

Lieut., Col. S. M. Augustine of Cambridge, Mass.

The Massachusetts and other delegates who attended the 18th Biennial session are at home now telling what they saw, learned and heard.

The K. of P. is the greatest order in the world, is what is heard daily here and there. That gathering in Columbus, O., captivated the citizens both Black and white, until they were lost the entire week in wonderment at the vast throng representing thousands of others who were at home.

Our order did not only prove to Columbus what we stood for, but to the world that it is one of the greatest orders among our race. We have our great military department, from which we can select from 25 to 40,000 as well trained men as they have in the United States army.

There were more than 5000 in camp and from 15 to 20,000 visitors daily came to see the great dress parade. The white people of Columbus are still unrecovered from the shock given them by the army of Pythians that took the city that week—20,000 or more Colored visitors in Columbus without a single arrest for the simplest offence, which our white neighbors were not prepared to understand.

The parade was not only the largest Columbus has ever seen, but in every respect the most orderly and the most brilliant pageant that ever visited its city. And perhaps there can be no fitter demonstration of the fifty years of progress of the Negro race than these military pageants of the Knights of Pythias. The splendid military discipline and the splendid equipment are more than that—they are the flowering of all of those processes of industrialism and commercialism, in fact all of the civilizing processes that make for a people. So it is to be hoped that the Knights of Pythias pageants and other demonstrations of fitness as a race will make their appeal where it will do the most good. And that is what we are doing in Massachusetts. We are striving hard to have Massachusetts strongly represented, and a large membership as well as in all the other states.

Brig. Gen. John B. Scott of Dorchester, Mass., and head of the entire departments of this section, and his able staff of officers will do all in their power to put Massachusetts back in its place where it was some time ago. It held first place once with the other states, and we are trying to put it back in first place again.

From time to time you will read in these columns of this paper about the wonderful success and progress we are making in Massachusetts.

Monitor Court of Calanthe No. 434 of Cambridge, Mass., sent as a delegate its first past worthy Counselor Sister M. Augustine, who was received with the greatest oration known to the Court of Calanthe for fifteen or twenty years from Massachusetts. It made them feel that Massachusetts

has waked up under the leadership of its Supreme Deputy, Brig. Gen. Brother John B. Scott. And his assistants, past worthy Counselor Sister M. Augustine, with the assistance of other past worthy Counselors and officers of the courts and lodges, will put Massachusetts back in first place, which it held some years ago.

All the Supreme officers were re-elected. The uniform rank of Massachusetts was represented by four leading officers, Brig. Gen. John B. Scott of Dorchester, Mass., Captain James T. Thomas of Boston, Mass., 2nd Lieut. J. Mayor of Boston, and myself, Lieut. Col.

Everywhere here and there we could hear most everybody say: "Look, there is Massachusetts." You know this must be a great order when they have members way down east. It shows that we are bringing Massachusetts to the front again: with the assistance of every officer and member of our beloved order our Supreme Deputy, Brig. Gen. J. B. Scott, will bring Massachusetts back in first place again.

The Supreme lodge held their session in the Chamber of Commerce Building and the great volume of business was being dispatched by some of the brainiest men of the order in the world. They were on their jobs daily and stayed. From time to time every item concerning the order was very carefully gone over and compiled, discussed and passed to the committees. The officers, delegates and those who composed that grand body looked their very best, and business-like methods were the slogan.

Many noted ones were to be seen mixing here and there. Day and night the camp Gen. Hayward on Acton street and Hays avenue, where things were being carried on in military exactness and Pythians of the world were preparing themselves for the contests of evolution in military tactics under their famous instructor.

The daily program of the camp consists of guard mount dress parade, drill, officers, school, hospital corps training and instruction in every department, such as setting up and taking down tents, musical drills and band concerts. Our membership stands today at 337,000 men and women in the order—250,000 male members and 87,000 sister members of the Court of Calanthe.

Officers Elected.

The officers re-elected are S. W. Green of New Orleans, Supreme Chancellor; Jos. L. James of Cincinnati, Supreme Vice-Chancellor; the Rev. A. H. Newton of New Jersey, Supreme Relater; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals; John H. Young of Arkansas, Supreme Master of Exchequer; George C. Watty of Maryland, Supreme Master at Arms; L. M. Mitchell of Texas, Supreme Lecturer; S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, Supreme Attorney; Dr. J. H. Ward of

Indianapolis, Supreme Medical Registrar; J. G. Lattie of North Carolina, Supreme Inner Guard; Henry James of Florida, Supreme Outer Guard.

The Pythian temple commission, the business end of the order, as elected is composed of M. M. Rodgers of Texas, Dr. George N. Stoney of Georgia, Dr. C. M. Wade of Arkansas, B. G. Collier of Pennsylvania, J. H. Fordham of South Carolina, John W. Harris of Mississippi, and Ernest G. Tidginton of Indiana.

There were many prominent delegates present from all parts of this country. The Tuesday night Mardi-Gras parade with their various comical costumes, was the best and liveliest ever known to any Colored organization in America. Everybody was out late to see the finish, and that of itself was an extra credit added to our beloved order.

The Street Parade.

Major General R. R. Jackson and all of his various officers mounted in the great street parade Friday, showed some class. This drew crowds of people from all the nearby towns. Early Friday morning the streets were lined with masses of people and policemen stationed to keep all out of harm's way and stopped all traffic on High street and all other streets the parade was to pass over. Six bands, headed by the matchless Eighth Regiment Illinois band of 62 musicians. The next was the first Brigade band of Pennsylvania, with 40 pieces; the next the first K. of P. Regiment band of Illinois, with 40 pieces, the first Pennsylvania Regiment band, 40 pieces; the first Regiment band of West Virginia, 30 pieces; the ninth Ohio Battalion band with 40 pieces and first Georgia Drum and Bugle Corps of 20 pieces.

There was a camp of Pythian Sisters of Calanthe in military uniforms a Red Cross company of nurses in charge of Surgeon General Van J. Davis of Paducah, N. Y., and 16 nurses headed by Captain Alice Stewart of Pittsburg, Pa. The Assistant Surgeons in the Red Cross company were Dr. John W. Nowell of Indianapolis, Dr. J. H. Pettford of Springfield, Ohio; Dr. S. H. George of Paducah, Ky.; Dr. T. T. Wendell of Lexington, Ky., and Dr. D. W. Scott of St. Louis, Mo.

The camp covered sixty acres. The Supreme Court Order of Calanthe held their meeting in Linden hall on Long street and re-elected Brother Joseph L. Jones of Cincinnati as their Supreme Worthy Counsellor, and all the other officers were re-elected. During the past two years, aside from \$25,000 that passed through the office of the Supreme Chancellor for lodges under his jurisdiction, the guard domains handled \$500,000 in endowment funds. According to the very latest reports, the next meeting will be in St. Louis, Mo.

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Houston, Tex. March 10, 1915.
The Board of Managers of the Grand Lodge of the United Brotherhood of Friendship of Texas, met in the U. B. F. building with the following officers: President, W. E. Blosser, Marshall, Secretary, F. W. Gross, Houston; Treasurer, Joseph Nichols, Houston.

The Secretary, F. W. Gross, made the following report of receipts for the three months ending February 28th:

Widows and Orphans	\$19,182.00
Burial Fund	15,386.50
Rent of office building.....	2,364.50
Grand Lodge Taxes.....	1,257.30
Special Reserve	508.50

Interest on Deposits and Investments

Investments	377.10
Seals and Supplies	82.83
Reserve	45.00
Home and Business Fund...	38.75
Change of Policies.....	27.75
Paving Certificates	20.95
Refunds	16.61
National Grand Lodge Taxes..	1.26

Total Receipts, 3 Months...\$39,309.65

A number of cases involving large sums of money were looked into and the majority ordered paid. The Board set aside \$20,000.00 to pay mortuary claims for the quarter.

F. W. GROSS, Secretary

Georgia Court Decides Adversely To Negro Shriners.

Special to the Globe.

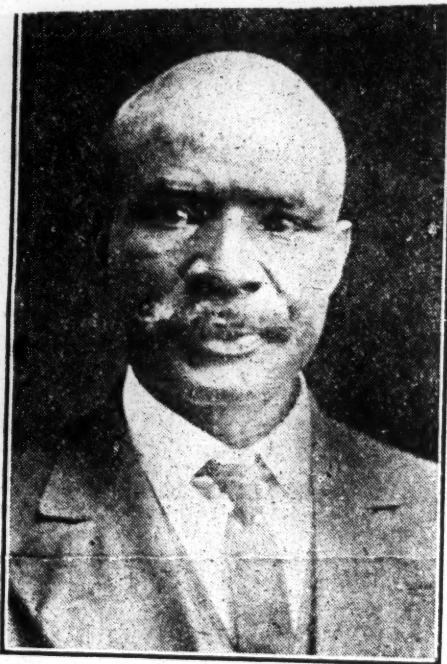
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—Judge H. L. Patterson today made permanent the injunction against the Negro Shriners of Georgia. It is understood that the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The petition was brought in the Atlanta courts some time ago by Potentate Forrest Adair, representing the Order, against Charles Faison et al., Faison being the potentate of the local Negro lodge. Judge H. L. Patterson of the Blue Ridge circuit was named to hear the suit for injunction, as every Atlanta judge was either a Shriner or a near relative of one. Judge Patterson granted a temporary injunction against the Negro Order, and this week made it permanent.

The injunction applies only to the State of Georgia, but it is expected to be followed by similar suits in those states where the Negro Order, said to be founded in Washington, makes its appearance.



GEO. E. GORDON
Grand Chancellor



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MASONS HELD BEST SESSION IN HISTORY

SPRIT OF UTMOST HARMONY
PREVAILED DURING

Americus Meeting

Departments of Order in Excellent Condition—Attendance not as Large As Previous years—Grand Master's Address Elicited Much Applause

What is possibly the best communication ever held by the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, was that of the last week at Americus, Ga. The Grand Lodge assembled in its forty-fifth annual communication on Tuesday morning, June 22, in the auditorium of the Orphan Home. Promptly at 9 o'clock Grand Master Butler called the grand lodge on, and the impressive opening service was conducted with the Grand Chaplain, Rev. L. A. Townley, leading in the devotions.

The committee on credentials had its report ready in a short time and submitted same, which was approved. The minutes of the last grand communication were read for the information of the representatives and balances are so managed as to earn special committees appointed

Grand Master permitted a number of the representatives to speak of their work during the year. Each one of them gave glowing accounts of the same despite the financial depression.

After dinner hour, the Grand Master read his address. It was the best ever presented by him. Every single phase of Masonic activity during the year was touched upon in an interesting manner which prove that the grand master is a close student and is painstaking in the management of the affairs of the the grand lodge. His report elicited the plaudits of the representatives, several of whom gave expressions of hearty approval.

The report of the grand secretary showed a surprising sum collected, despite financial conditions in the state. He also presented a statistical statement denoting progress. The grand treasurer's report agreed with that of the former, and in addition showing the expenses. One of the most interesting reports was that of the Masonic Relief Association, and the impressive ciation rendered by its secretary and opening service was conducted with treasurer, W. C. Thomas. This is the most efficient and best conducted relief department in the state regardless of order of either race. The cash balance is large with all claims up to the closing of the fiscal year paid. This department is being conducted on the most economical basis and its cash and balances are so managed as to earn for the department a sum more than



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sufficient to pay off all of its running expenses. Its secretary and treasurer came in for a share of the praise of the representatives who voted him their confidence and esteem.

The collections for the Orphan Home department were reported by Prof W. H. Spencer. This department has improved considerably and for the first time since its inauguration has shown a cash balance. This again proves that the affairs of the grand lodge are being practically and economically administered.

After all of the reports of the officers were rendered, the officers were elected. The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected without any opposition. Following are the officers:

Most Worshipful H. R. Butler, M. D., grand master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Walker, deputy grand master.

Right Worshipful J. W. Dobbs, senior grand warden.

Right Worshipful W. D. Savage, junior grand warden.

Right Worshipful G. L. Bowen, grand treasurer.

Right Worshipful Sol. C. Johnson, grand secretary.

Right Worshipful W. C. Thomas, sec. treas. M. R. A.

Right Worshipful W. H. Spencer, sec. O. H. D.

Worshipful L. A. Townsley, D. D., grand chaplain.

Worshipful J. A. Grant, grand lecturer.

Worshipful A. R. Stalling, senior grand deacon.

Worshipful T. B. Newsome, junior grand deacon.

Worshipful J. R. Thornton, senior grand steward.

Worshipful M. M. Rogers, junior grand steward.

Worshipful R. W. Collins, grand marshal.

Worshipful Daniel Harris, grand sword bearer.

Worshipful Wm. Marshall, grand pursuivant.

Worshipful Wm. Hardy, grand tyler.

It required but a short time to elect the officers. The election of officers was followed by the rendering of reports on memorials, warrants, jurisprudence, grand master's address, orphan home trustees, welfare and grievances, auditing, relief board, etc.

All of the business of the grand lodge was conducted in a spirit of harmony. Every brother had ample time to express himself and secure any information needed. In this respect the grand master has proven an ideal presiding officer and has so manage affairs in order to satisfy every one who is reasonable, or has the least tinge of Masonic principle.

It was the consensus of opinion that the next grand lodge communication would be elsewhere next year. When the time came to make a selection of the place, there were so many invitations extended, the representatives decided to return to Americus.

One of the most pleasing features of the grand lodge communication was the exercises of the children of the orphan home and the addresses of the mayor and city attorney of Americus. This took place Tuesday afternoon. Miss B. E. Balle, principle of the home had charge of the exercises. The excellent training of the children was depicted in their action and rendition of their parts. Every one present was loud in their praise of them. The address of Mayor Lee G. Council was sincere and convincing. That of City Attorney Nesbitt was pleasing. Mr. Nesbitt delivered an address at the time when the corner stone of the orphan home was laid.

Following are the standing committees of the Grand Lodge:

Jurisprudence—C. A. Clark, L. A. Townsley, D. D.; T. H. Slater, M. D.; L. H. Burdell, J. H. Babcock, C. L.

Davis, S. A. Jones.

Auditing—L. E. Williams, J. W. Stephens, Wm. Howard.

Finance and Returns—W. H. Spencer H. H. Williams, G. H. Hutto, S. A. Peters, M. D.; G. N. Stoney, M. D.

Warrants—J. W. Madison, M. D.; E. B. Gibson, W. R. Hudson, G. A. Williams, T. C. Strickland.

Foreign Correspondence—W. C. Thomas, Sol C. Johnson, S. S. Mincey, S. M. Scarlett, J. N. Chisolm.

While the attendance at the grand lodge was not as large as heretofore, yet the enthusiasm was there. During the communication there were but two cases of grievances submitted from the entire jurisdiction, and both of them were of minor note.

Many of the leading men of the state were present and all joined in giving the Masons the praise for the practical and harmonious manner used in conducting business.

Editor B. J. Davis of the Independent, and Grand Secretary of District Grand Lodge No. 18, G. U. O of O. F., was present from the opening of the grand lodge until its close. He has this to say in the Independent about the communication:

It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons at Americus this week. The Grand Lodge was largely attended by representative delegates from all over the state. At the roll call Thursday morning every officer answered to his name. Committee on Credentials was ready to report, and at the sound of the gavel the Craftmen went to work and every hour the Grand Lodge was in session was characterized with business and harmony. Dr. Butler, the Grand Master, presided.

"The session was one of the most harmonious and enthusiastic in the history of the Grand Lodge,—this being the 45th session. Dr. Butler is the idol of the craftmen, and the brethren really idolize the old man, as he is popularly known among the craftmen. He is a true Mason, good business man and an able presiding officer and dispatches business with care and painstaking. He was re-elected without opposition,—the rule being suspended and the lodge rose en masse to record its unanimous vote in favor of his election. Rev. Dr. A. Staley having moved the suspension of the rule.

"The work of the Grand Lodge is divided into four departments,—the department of general superintendency and oversight, conducted by the Grand Master, in which he has charge over the correspondents, home and foreign and directs the business of the Grand Lodge during the interim. He has a general oversight over the other three

departments, and is familiar with every detail and phase of the work, working in harmony with the heads of the other departments. The department over which the Grand Master presides, might be fittingly called the executive department, because it has the execution of the laws and the administration of Benevolence, Charity, and Friendship among the craftsmen.

Masonic Relief Association

"This department is under the care of Bro. W. C. Thomas, as secretary and treasurer, and shows a cash balance of \$82,000, being the largest amount of cash of any Bureau of Endowment of any secret order in the State. This department is seven years old, and has been under the immediate charge of Bro. Thomas during its existence. The receipts for the year from the lodges \$36,000, interest \$3,000, and some from miscellaneous sources. The balance over the last report advanced from \$75,000 to \$82,000, which is a healthy showing, and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas and the craftsmen are to be congratulated.

We are proud of Bro. Thomas and think the Masons made no mistake when they elected him for life, as we understand he has been elected.

The Widows' and Orphans' Home

"This department is under the immediate control of Prof. Wm. H. Spencer, of Columbus, who is secretary of this department, which is controlled by a board of trustees, of which Hon. A. L. Felton, of Montezuma, is treasurer, and Rev. A. S. Staley, of Americus, is secretary. The revenue of this department is more than \$4,000, out of which the home is supported, the school maintained and the farm operated. The board of trustees is successfully conducting a normal school, the Orphan Home and farm. The school composed of little orphans, treated the Grand Lodge Tuesday evening to an excellent concert, in which the children acquitted themselves well. The mayor and city attorney were present and commended both the principal and the children, pledging the institution their unstinted support.

"Grand Master Butler is familiar with every detail of the department. The home and premises are clean, sanitary and up-to-date in every respect. The children look healthy and strong and seem to be enjoying the comfort and benefit of a real home under the management of the principal and preceptress. Our Masonic brothers are doing a noble work. Prof. Spencer collected more than \$4,000 during the year and treasurer Felton has a cash balance of more than \$1,000.

The Grand Lodge Department

"This department is controlled by Col. Sol. C. Johnson, of Savannah, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. He has charge of the collection of taxes or the expense money for the operation of the Grand Lodge. His report shows that his department handled during the year more than \$7,000, and after meeting the expenses, the treasurer, Bro. G. L. Bowen, reports a balance of \$3,000. Bro. Johnson next to the

Grand Master, is the most popular officer in the Grand Lodge, and in point of service, the senior officer. Everybody who knows Bro. Johnson loves him; he is affable, energetic and chivalrous as a Chesterfield, and is always ready to come to the relief of his brethren.

Conditions of the Grand Lodge

There is no Grand Lodge in the state that has a more capable and industrious Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Grand Lodge, while the smallest and most representative of any of the other orders in the State. The lodge is operated wisely and economically. Each officer is capable and conscientious. The session was the smoothest we have ever witnessed; not an angry word nor shadow of temper was displayed by any of the craftsmen during the session. Verily, the session of the Masonic Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge is a worthy example for the other Grand Lodges to follow."

SUPREME LODGE EXPELS VIRGINIA GRAND LODGE

John Mitchell, Jr., Losing Fight in Pythian Supreme Lodge Is Found Guilty

CASE PENDING IN COURTS

Supreme Chancellor Green Upheld After Grand Chancellor Mitchell Had Been Given An Opportunity To Present His Side—The Case Is Before United States Court at Washington.

(Staff Correspondence.)

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 24.—What is called the finest meeting in the history of Negro Pythians, and what was certainly the finest demonstration this city ever saw, closed here Saturday midnight, after much legislation, and after the supreme lodges, acting upon the recommendation of the committee of the whole, had revoked the charter of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and found John Mitchell, Jr., guilty of rebellion.

While the session was not a stormy one, it was one of great interest, and often the discussions were animated. One of the memorable scenes was enacted when John Mitchell, Jr., received as a friend, after the supreme lodge had recovered its symbols, was invited to state his side of the celebrated controversy. The supreme lodge listened to him with respect, and then decided that he was wrong and that Supreme Chancellor Green was right.

The findings of the Supreme Lodge

does not, however, change the status of the litigation now pending in the District of Columbia courts.

5,000 Pythian Soldiers in Camp.

The encampment proper tented more than 5,000 Pythian soldiers, and it is estimated that 15,000 visitors went out to see them. Gov. Willis, who made a hit on the opening night in his welcome address, delivered before a great multitude, reviewed the soldiers, and said that the day was an inspiration to him. The daily press of the city declared that the parade was the grandest sight that this city of parades ever saw. Led by Gen. R. R. Jackson, his staff, and the famous 8th regiment band of Chicago, the parade was witnessed by 100,000 people. The entire city, including the banks, city hall, state house, and the white hotels and big department stores, were decorated.

The report of S. W. Green, supreme chancellor, was the most detailed paper that ever came before the supreme body; the report of Dr. E. E. Underwood, supreme keeper of records and seal, was entirely satisfactory. Jos. L. Jones, supreme chancellor, and by virtue of that office supreme worthy counsellor of the Courts of Calanthe, showed in his address that more than \$20,000 had passed through his office since the last meeting, and that through a systematic campaign 15,000 new members had been added to the rolls. The supreme court unanimously asked for his retention, and with Pythian gallantry the supreme lodge granted the request.

Supreme Chancellor Green Re-elected.

Receiving the endorsement of every State in the jurisdiction, Supreme Chancellor Green was returned to his station by acclamation. All the officers, except the Pythian Commission, were re-elected by unanimous vote. Dr. U. G. Mason of Birmingham might have been elected supreme medical register, but he declined in favor of Dr. J. H. Ward, the present incumbent.

The supreme lodge refused to order a new tax to build a national temple in Chicago, although the representatives voted to continue the supreme lodge tax of ten cents, this being necessary for the operation of the Supreme Lodge.

The supreme attorney, S. A. T. Watkins, brought forth cheers when he reported that all lawsuits begun by white Pythians to deprive colored Pythians of their name and symbols, had been ended months ago on motion of the parties beginning the suits.

The exercises on the opening night were marked not only by a great audience, but also by the happy remarks of Mayor Karb, who came 500 miles to welcome the knights, the eloquent address made by Gov. Frank Willis, who said that Ohio would never be Mississippized or Alabamized, but would remain free ground for all races, and the responses by prominent visitors, particularly by the able address delivered by Wilford H. Smith of New York in response to the mayor. In the Virginia matter, and in many others, Mr. Smith led the administration forces.

337,000 Men and Women in Order.

During the last two years, aside from \$25,000 that passed through the office of the supreme chancellor for lodges under his jurisdiction, the grand domains handled \$500,000 in endowment funds according to verified reports. There are now 250,000 Negro Pythians and 87,000 members of the Courts of Calanthe.

The officers as re-elected are S. W. Green of New Orleans, supreme chancellor; Jos. L. Jones of Cincinnati, supreme vice chancellor; the Rev. A. H. Newton of New Jersey, supreme prelate; Dr. E. E. Underwood, supreme keeper of records and seals; John H. Young of Arkansas, supreme master of exchequer; George A. Watty of Maryland, supreme master at arms; L. M. Mitchell of Texas, supreme lecturer; S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, supreme attorney; Dr. J. H. Ward of Indianapolis, supreme medical register; J. G. Lattie of North Carolina, supreme inner guard; Henry James of Florida, supreme outer guard.

The Pythian Temple Commission, the business end of the order, as elected, is composed of M. M. Rodgers of Texas, Dr. Geo. N. Stoney of Georgia, Dr. C. M. Wade of Arkansas, B. G. Collier of Pennsylvania, J. H. Fordham of South Carolina, John W. Harris of Mississippi, and Ernest G. Tidlington of Indiana. Among the prominent men present as representatives were E. E. Smith the North Carolina educator; G. R. Hutto of Georgia, J. H. Garvin of Kentucky, M. M. Rodgers of Texas, J. R. Jefferson, principal of the Summer high school,arkersburg; Chas. A. Cottrill of Toledo, John A. Blume of Winston-Salem, Dr. U. G. Mason of Birmingham, Chas. Brown of St. Louis, the Rev. Jas. Jones of Arkansas, the Rev. E. B. Topp of Mississippi, Dr. J. P. Crawford, R. W. Allen and Dr. W. T. Thompson of Tennessee, and many others.

Roscoe C. Simmons was given a purse.

The city of St. Louis was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting and encampment in 1917, after the claims of that town were presented by Chas. Brown. In adopting a resolution introduced by Ernest G. Tidlington, grand chancellor of Indiana, the supreme lodge pledged its uniform rank department to the service of the country in the event that war should ever overtake us.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BURN COLORED MASONIC SCHOOL

Americus, Ga., December 20.—(Special.)—Deliberate attempt was made last night to burn the handsome brick dormitory and school of the colored Masonic grand lodge of Georgia, located here.

Several gallons kerosene oil had been poured upon woodwork in the kitchen when the unexpected appearance of the negro cook frightened the incendiary, who escaped through a window without having applied a match to the kindling.

The building has no fire protection, except bucket brigades and would undoubtedly have been destroyed had not the crime been detected in time.

COLORED MEN ORGANIZE LOCAL PYTHIAN LODGE

Body Is Not Connected with Knights of Pythias of the World.

Sacandaga lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, a colored organization not in any way connected with the Knights of Pythias of the World, was formed last night by a number of colored people in this city.

The new lodge cannot infringe upon the rights of the old organization, neither can it affiliate with the grand or supreme bodies of the lodge of that name. Symbolic emblems worn by members of the old order, its seals and the like cannot be used by the colored organization, although the name, which is not copyrighted, can be taken.

It is believed that Sacandaga lodge is the first to be formed in this city by the colored people and bear the name of any world known organization. There are colored people who are members of other fraternal organizations, but they come from the South where the lodges permit their entrance.

The officers of Sacandaga lodge are: Chancellor commander, George Corlies; vice chancellor, William K. Dawson; master of the work, F. J. Wendell; prelate, Richard H. Hamilton; keeper of records and seal, Joseph W. Leonard; master of finance, Surrey Herring, Jr.; master of exchequer, John H. Knifer; master-at-arms, Harvey Leggins; inner guard, George Leonard; outer guard, Arthur Williams; representative to grand lodge, Joseph Leonard; alternate, George Corlies; trustees, George Leggins, Adelbert Dana, George Simmons.

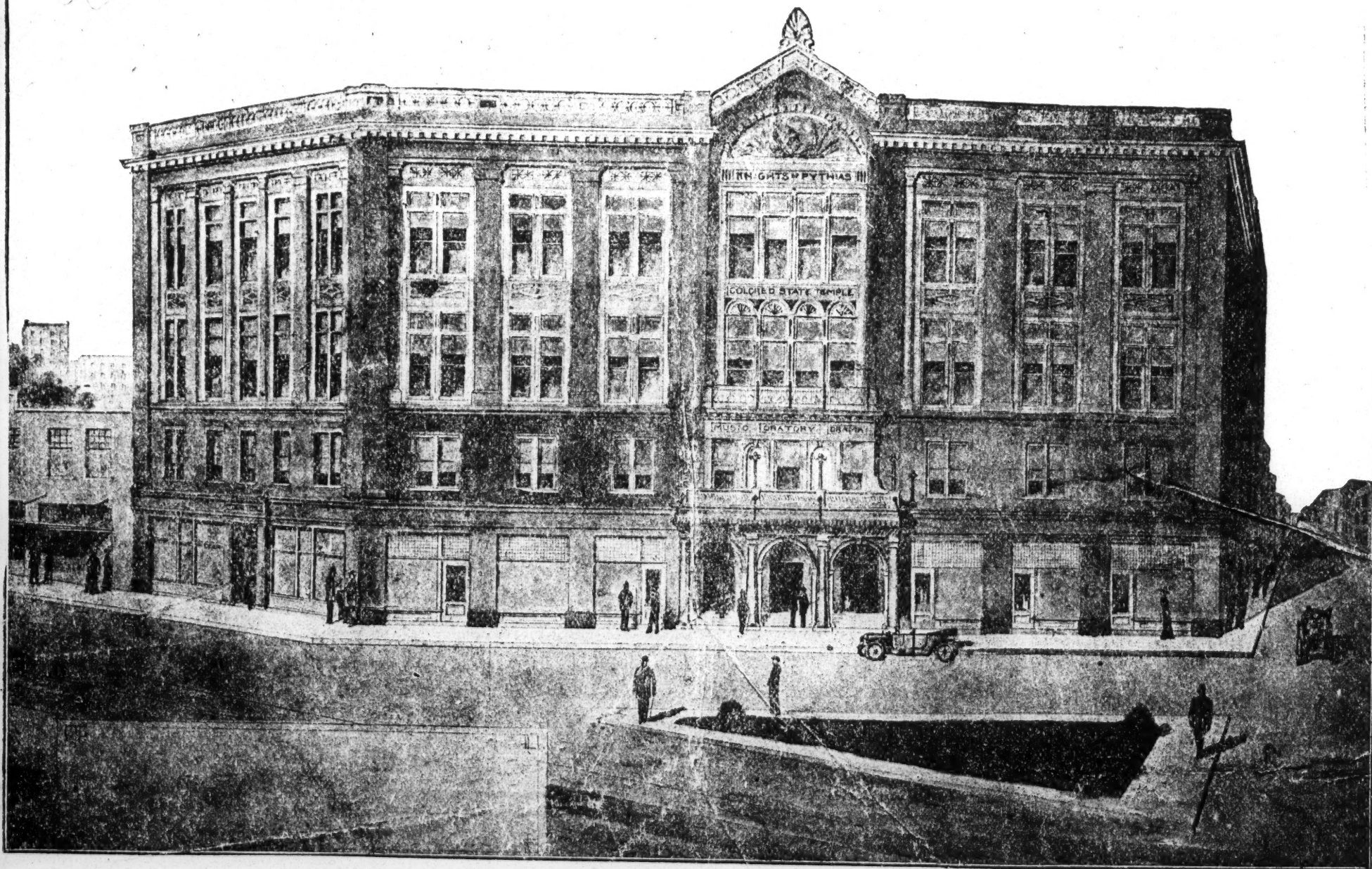
In addition to the above officers the following charter members were initiated: Roscoe C. Shaw, Ambrose Anderson, Scott Harrington, Homer Moore, Walter Bowman, William Leggins, Elmer J. Bowman, Anderson Nichols and Lorenzo D. Frank.

The new Pythian lodge was instituted by Lee Crawford of New Rochelle, grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, assisted by Dr. C. P. McClinden of New Rochelle, grand medical registrar; H. R. Phoenix, William D. Jones and P. V. Vedder of Fidelity lodge, 32, of Troy.

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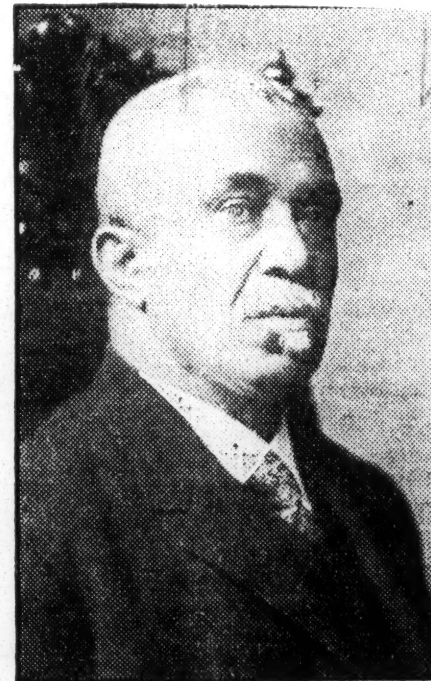
The State Pythian Temple For Which Ground Was Broken On
Monday Evening at 6:00 O'clock, April 19, 1915, at Dallas, Texas

Dallas Express



Amsterdam

W. ASHBIE HAWKINS
Supreme Chancellor



SIR WILLIAM GRANDISON
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals
**NEGRO MASONS HOLDING
CONVENTION IN ATLANTA**
Constitution 10-7-15

Seventeen Thousand Knights of Pythias and Members of The Courts of Calanthe Five For Years
Have Looked Forward to The Beginning and Completion of this Great Structure

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS SUPREME OFFICERS BANQUETED

Sir W. Ashbie Hawkins, of Baltimore, Md., supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, and one of our best known colored lawyers noted for his legal fight against segregation in Maryland and Virginia; Sir William Grandison, who has been the supreme keeper of records and seal for 20 years and who resides in Cambridge, Mass., editor of Pythias and Calanthe, the organ of the order; Sir W. A. Heath, a prominent lawyer of New York City, and R. L. and treasurer of the Supreme Beneficiary Department, and Sir Geo. E. Gordon, a successful business man of Chelsea, Mass., and secretary of the Beneficiary Department, will be in New York City on Feb. 10 and 11, 1915, on business pertaining to the order, and will be the guests of honor at a Pythian "banquet" to be given by the subordinate lodges and Courts of Calanthe of the jurisdiction of New York, at 2152 Fifth avenue, Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at 9 p. m. All members of the order are expected to be present. The new Knights of Pythias Eastern and Western Hemispheres Grand Lodge, will be instituted on Wednesday evening, the 10th.

Negro Masons from all sections of the union are attending the sessions of the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons whose 22d triennial grand communication convened in the city last Tuesday. One of the important propositions being considered at the meetings is the erection of a national temple and the founding of a home for infirm Masons and their orphans.

Mayor Woodward and other leading men of the city are scheduled to address the body before its adjournment. During the sessions so far held communications have been ready from the emperor of Germany, the Masonic Grand Lodge of England and from the president of Cuba.

The National Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho are holding sessions.

National Retail Merchants' Ass'n

Of The United States

The Dallas Express, 11/25/14

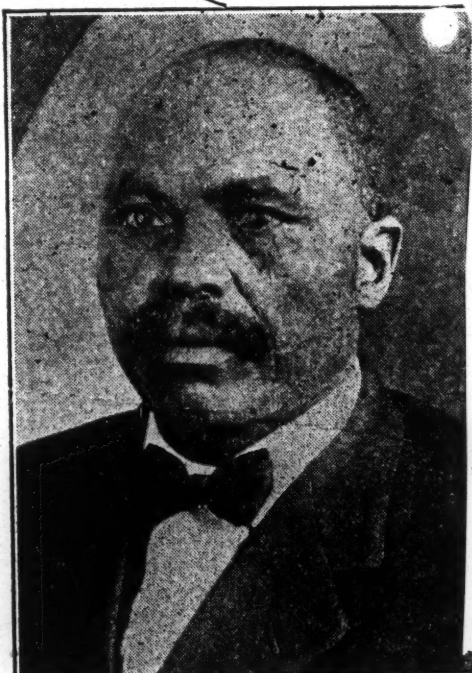
Below we give the living pictures of some of those who are doing much to make the Retail business of colored men a success in America.



S. N. DICKERSON, Ph. D., Pres.
Talladega, Ala.



MISS E WELCH, Ass't. Sec'y.
Dallas, Texas.



E. W. D. WELCH, Secretary.
Dallas, Texas.
President Dallas Negro Business League, Furniture Dealer and Storage Agent.

Chief Officer Farmers' Investment and Benevolent Association of Talladega. A NEW ORGANIZATION.

National Retail Merchants Association (Colored U. S. A.—Organization Brought into Being to Work Out the Details which Must Become the Property of Every Successful Concern.

At the last meeting of the National Negro Business League held in August at Muskogee, Okla., the retail merchants were there in such great numbers until it was thought wise to organize what shall hereafter be known as the "National Retail Merchants Association of U. S. A." Likewise a number of the more prosperous ones organized themselves into an organization with the above name. The following officers were elected for the first year: S. N. Dickerson, president, Talladega, Ala.; W. M. Martin, vice-

Bookkeeper and Sales Agent for Welch Furniture Co., Dallas. president, St. Augustine, Fla.; H. W. Scott, vice-president, Dallas, Tex.; G. E. Newstell, treasurer, Montgomery, Ala.; E. W. D. Welch, secretary, Dallas, Tex. The following executive committee was also elected: C. W. Gilliam, chairman, Okolona, Miss.; Chas. H. Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.; D. N. Leathers, Corpus Christi, Tex.; R. L. Maby, Birmingham, Ala.; I. S. Stokes, Shreveport, La.; Capt. James E. Hamlin, Raleigh, N. C.; T. J. Elliott, Muskogee, Okla.; E. Johnson, Kansas City, Kan.; S. R. Johnson, Dallas.

The purpose of this organization is to foster and maintain a union of all lines of retail trade in which our people are engaged throughout the country to the end that they become acquainted and reach a better understanding and further that by the exchange of notes and the swap of experience, ripen all in the methods and

manners which make for the success of enterprise in general. The great work which just now lies before the colored people in the field of trade can not be overestimated. Millions of dollars are being spent by the colored folk for those things which make the retail business a success; not one cent of which affords employment or encouragement to our struggling masses which if otherwise directed would afford a livelihood for thousands of our boys and girls who without us can find no open door. These and other considerations impel the thoughtful among us to organize this association

What We Want.

We want by way of the perfection of the organization that every colored man in the country engaged in business, however small, shall immediately send to E. W. D. Welch, secretary, Dallas, Texas, your name, firm name

and business address. We will then put in your hands valuable information as to how to organize in your town along lines which will increase your business and lead to the establishment of other your community where boys and girls a live

W. H. FIELDS RE-ELECTED NATIONAL GRAND MASTER

Knights and Daughters of Africa Take City of Chicago By Storm In Eight Annual Session

YEARS' REPORTS SHOW RAPID GROWTH

Kansas City Mo. Gets Session In 1915---Afro-American Voted Official A. U. K. & D. of A.

Organ

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—The eighth annual session of Ancient United Sessions to see the city of Chicago. Knights and Daughters of Africa met The election of officers was held in the spacious chapel of the Institutional church of this city Monday morning, August 31. A large gathering was on hand to witness the open exercises. After invocation Grand Master William H. Fields introduced Dr. A. J. Carey, pastor of the Institutional Church, who delivered the welcome address on behalf of the citizens of Chicago, followed by Dr. Abram Simmons, of Chicago, on behalf of the Colored Business Men's League. Mrs. Ida P. Thaddeus of Chicago, welcomed on behalf of the local councils, response by Dr. S. D. Davis, of St. Louis, Mo. After which a beautiful vocal solo was rendered by Miss Eveline Dunham of Chicago. After a few preliminary arrangements the meeting adjourned until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. A large banquet was given for the delegates by the Kartum & Light Council of Chicago, which was well attended.

Wm. Herbert Fields, National Grand Master. J. G. Calhoun, National Deputy Grand Master. Mrs. Etta Jackson, National Grand Mrs. Julia Cordell, National Grand Deputy Queen. Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell, National Grand Recorder. Ernest Patillo, National Grand Treasurer. Mrs. Josephine Henley, National Grand Princess. Mrs. Cora J. Carter, National Grand Audittress. Dr. S. D. Davis, National Grand Chaplain. J. Arthur Freeman, Chairman National Executive Board. E. L. Westbrook, National Grand Guard.

State Grand Queens.

Much business of importance to the organization was transacted and a number of new laws destined to strengthen the constitution were passed. A large number of states ranging from Maine to California were represented and the many delegates

Mrs. Ada Harris, Missouri.
Mrs. Jennie Nelson, Illinois.
Mrs. Hattie S. Baldwin, California.
The National Grand Master, Wm. H. Fields was elected unanimously. The next National Grand Session will be held in Kansas City, Mo., 1915.